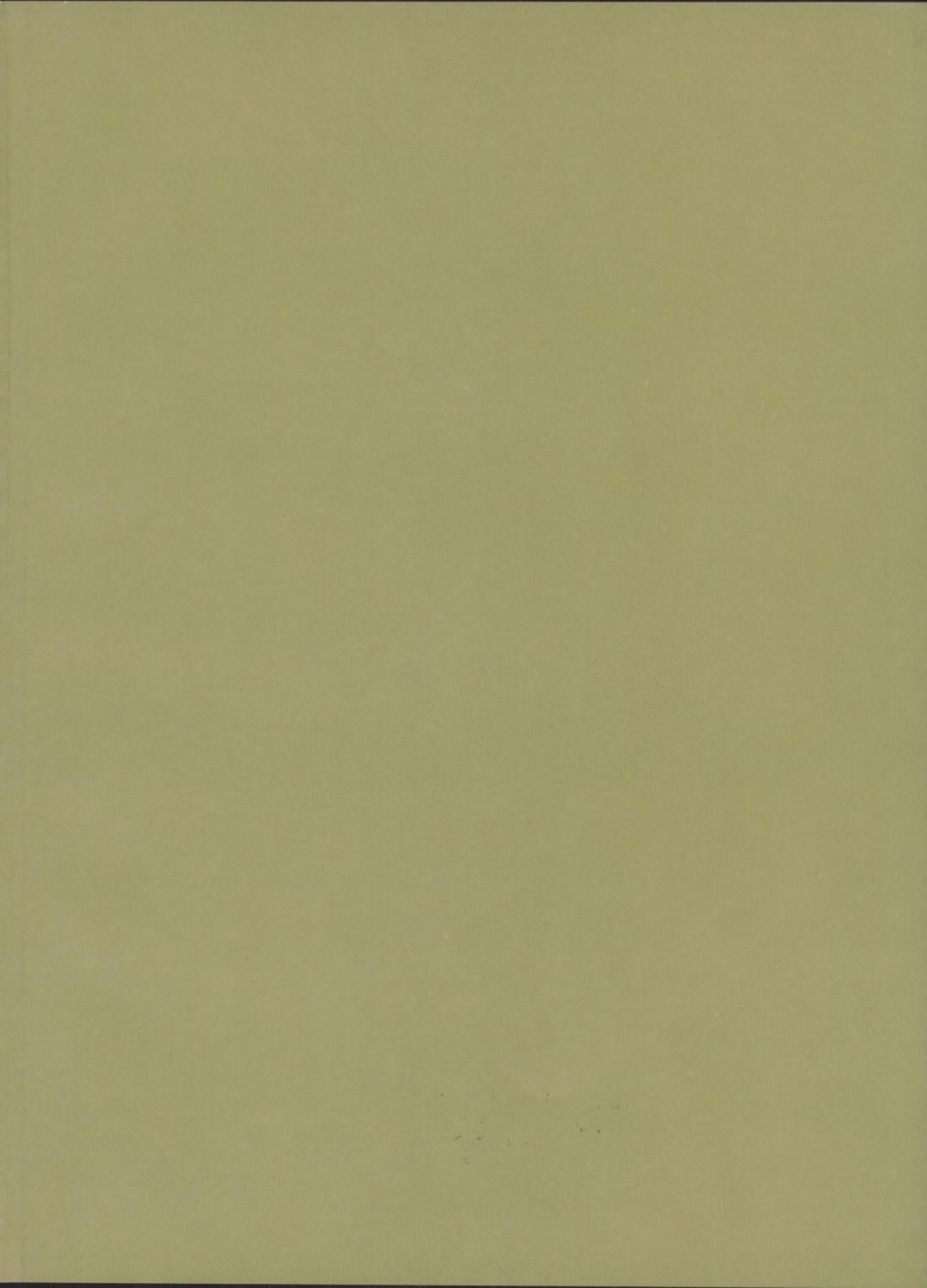


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Top right: The senior class float took second place in the Homecoming pep assembly. **Above:** Becky Wilhite and Sondra Robbins are off to class. **Above right:** Students enjoying a break between classes. **Right:** Dr. Cole assisting with student enrollment.



Comets

Getting it together for 1981....

"Great Beginnings" - - School opening got off to a fantastic start despite the unbearably hot August weather. In an attempt to alleviate the heat problem, a relaxed dress code allowed the students to wear summer attire. Also, for the first nine days of school, students were allowed to attend classes only half a day.

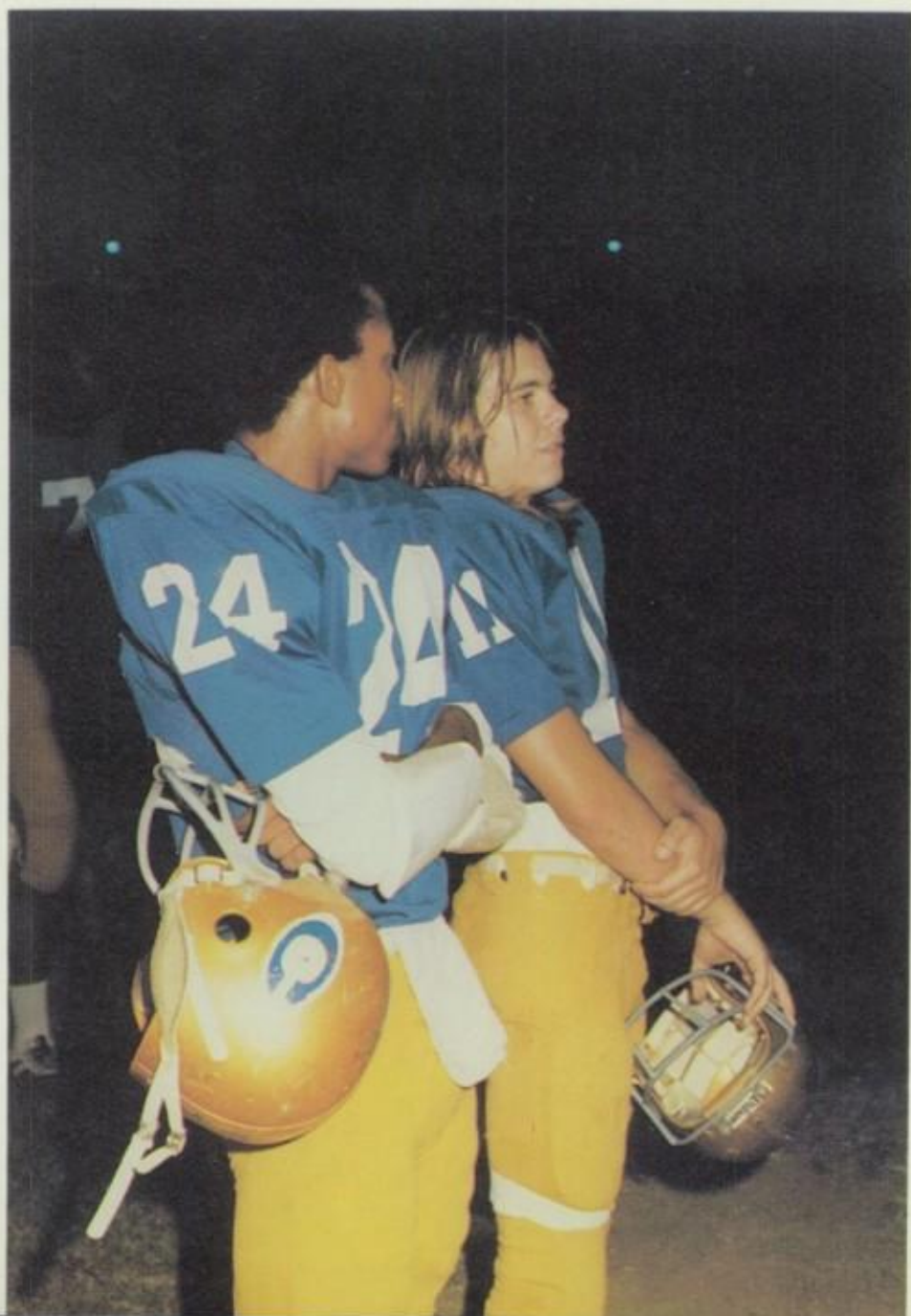
A variety of activities were noted on the Activities Calendar. Football season kicked off with the first game ending in a victory. The Student Council sponsored "Join A Club Week" to acquaint students with the various clubs and organizations; the aroma of baked goods being sold filled A-hall. Pep assemblies were good and loud; hall decorations were more colorful than ever before.

There were the little hassles of late enrollments, adding classes (due to computer errors);

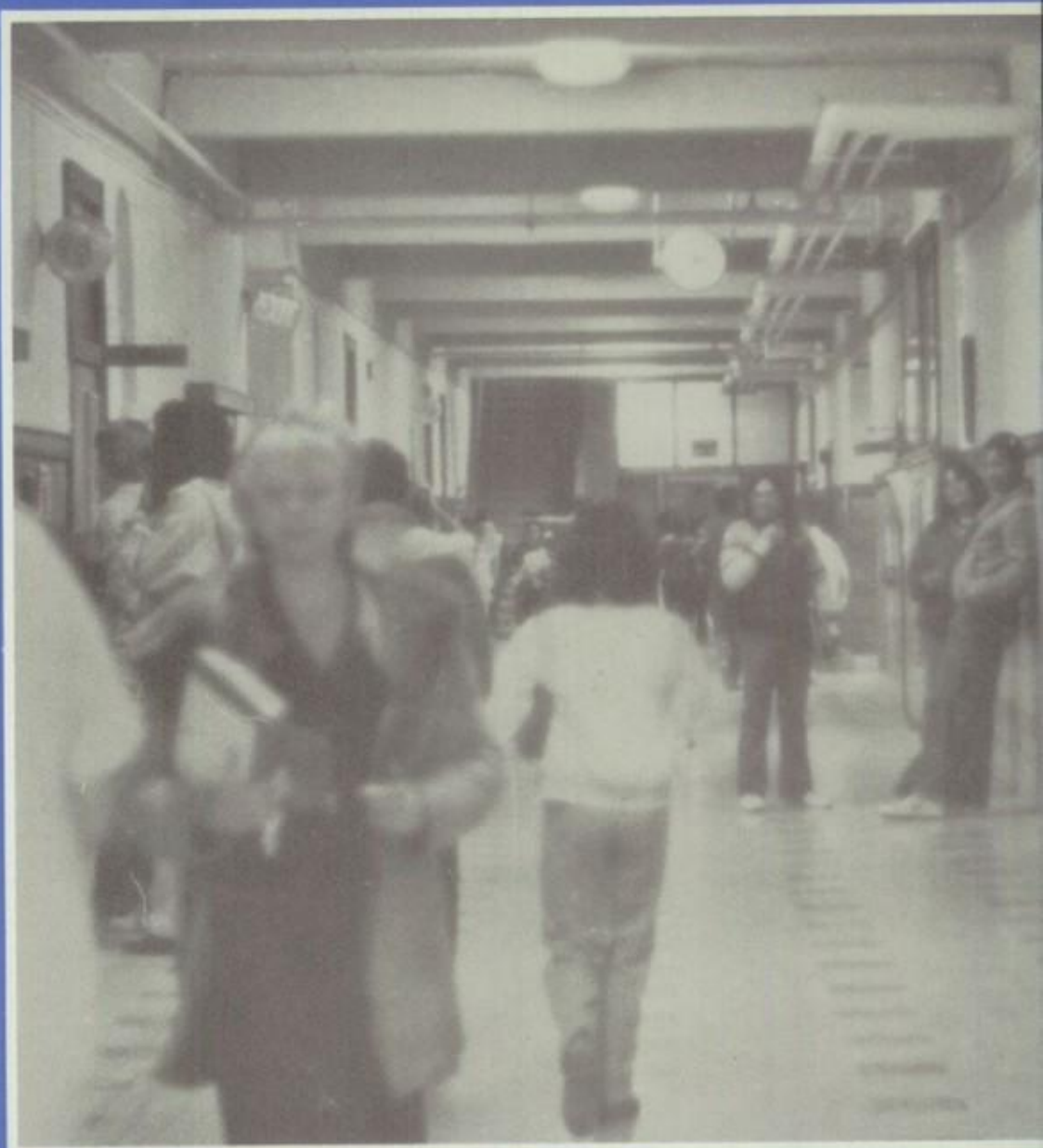
and convincing your counselor to change your schedule to read Consumer Math instead of Algebra I because you just simply couldn't hack it. This proved to be a tremendous task for the two counselors to handle and the administrators aided them in their plight.

Late enrollments and changes finally tapered off, showing an increase in the projected enrollment for 1980-81.

All indications were that school was in full swing.



Left: Mike Stevenson and Mark Coyne show expressions of joy at Comet victory. **Above:** Ms. Freda O'Neal Makes Schedule change for Jesse Robbins.



Above: Students cash in on early morning fresh air. **Top right:** Typical early morning hall scene. **Right:** Students boarding bus enroute to cluster classes.



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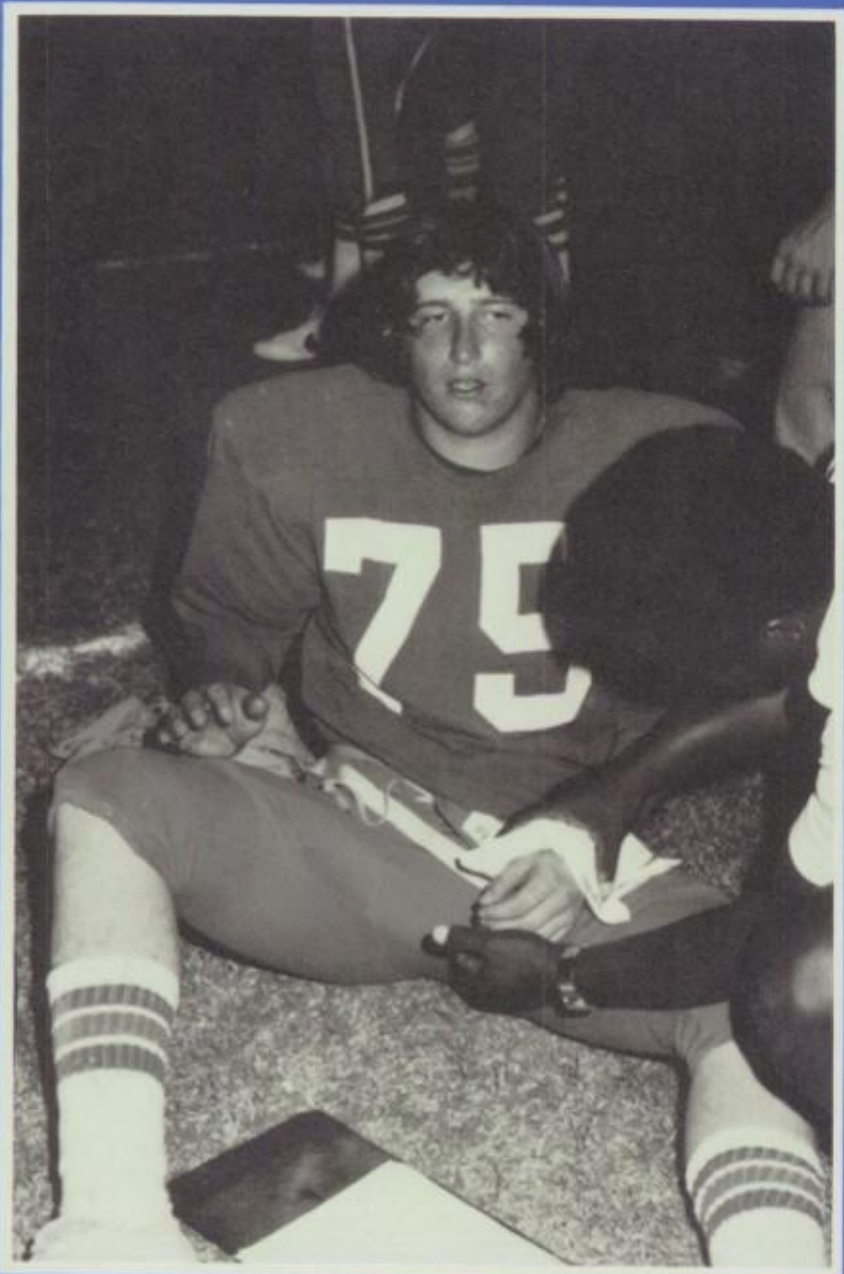


This was our year to get involved and make things better for ourselves at our home away from home. Involvement! The magic word that is music to school administrator's ears.

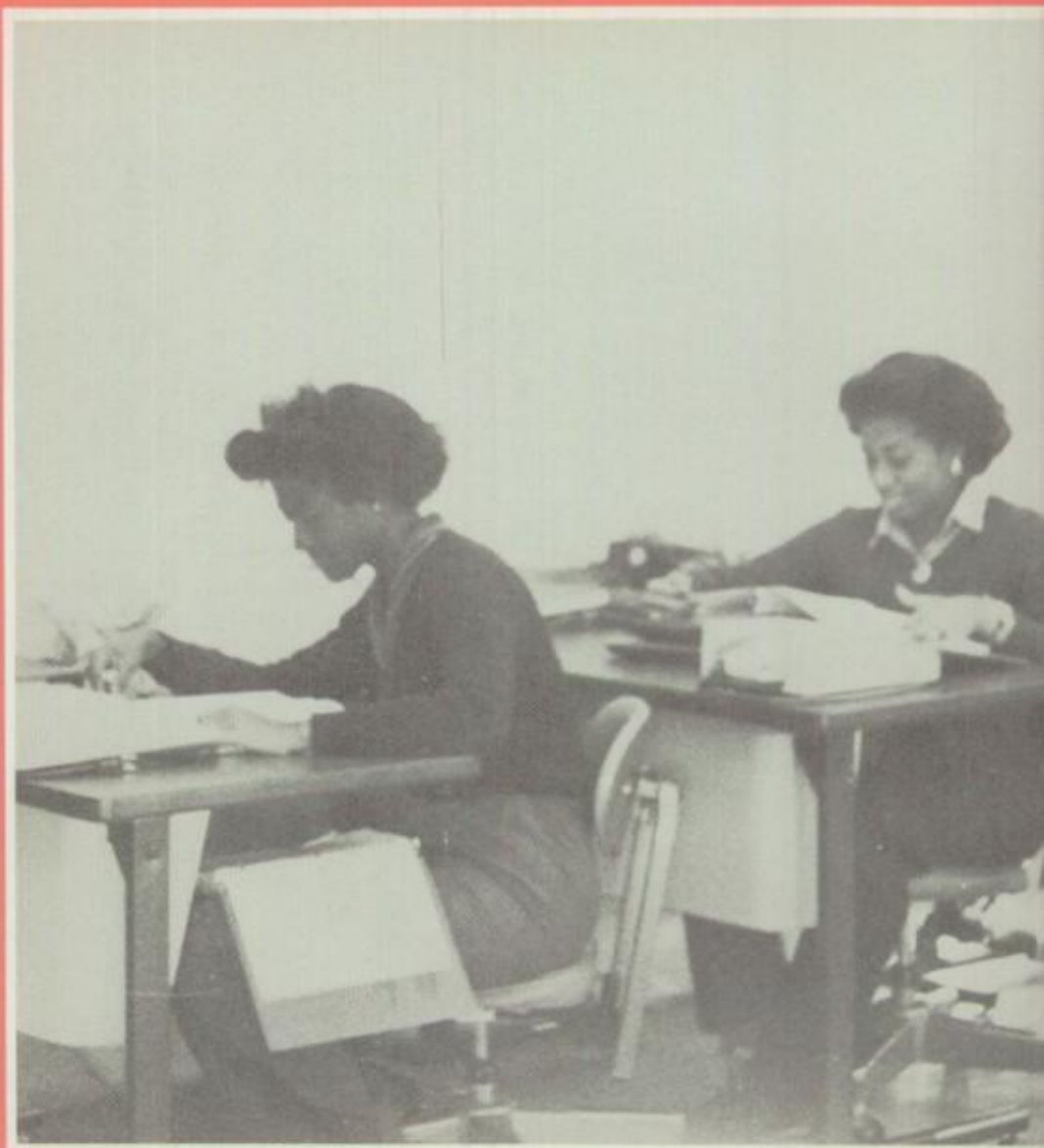
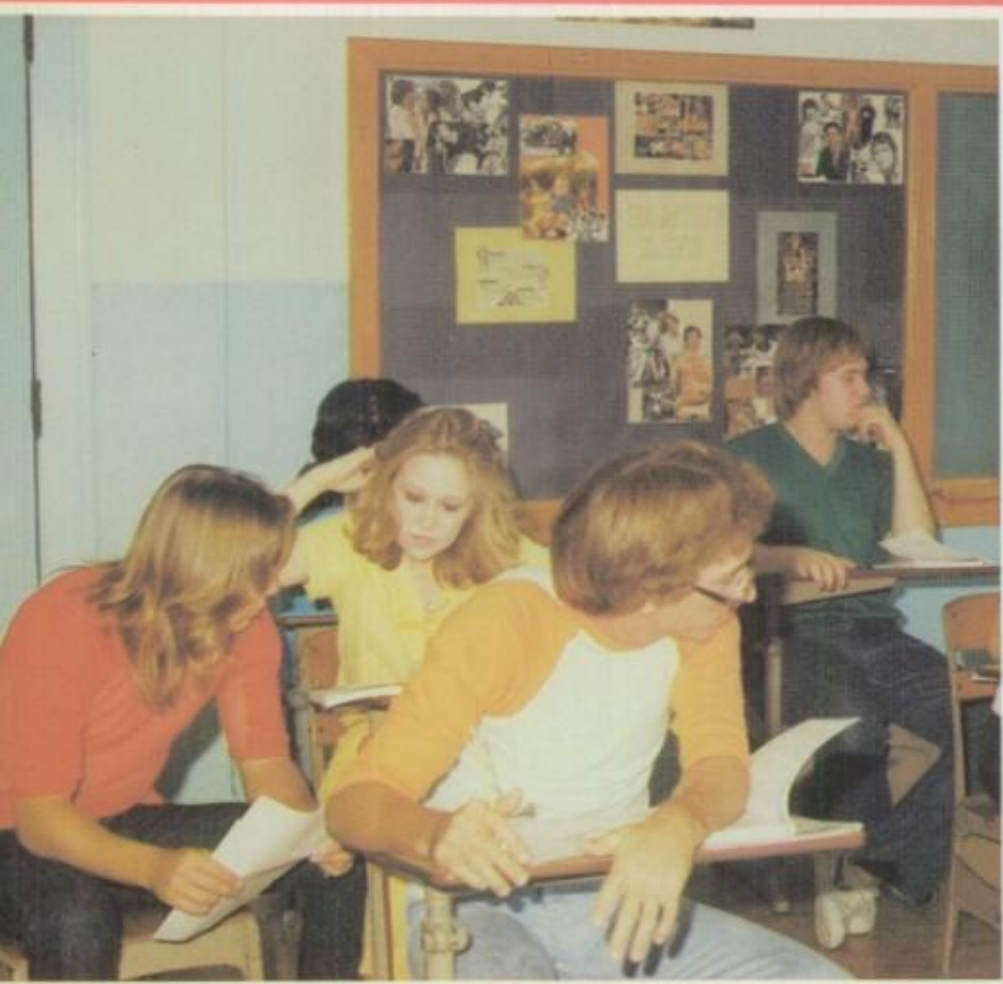
It took a while for the involvement bug to spread; perhaps the heat was a deterrent, for after it subsided, there were noticable positive changes school spirit wise.

There were also minor, but noticable physical plant changes and Channel 25 vacated the south wing of the building, thus allowing the much needed space to be utilized for school purposes.

Happy times — in the halls — in classrooms, on the grounds, off campus, we made them happen — because we were there and involved. Our creativity, our happiness, our responses to life made it all worthwhile.



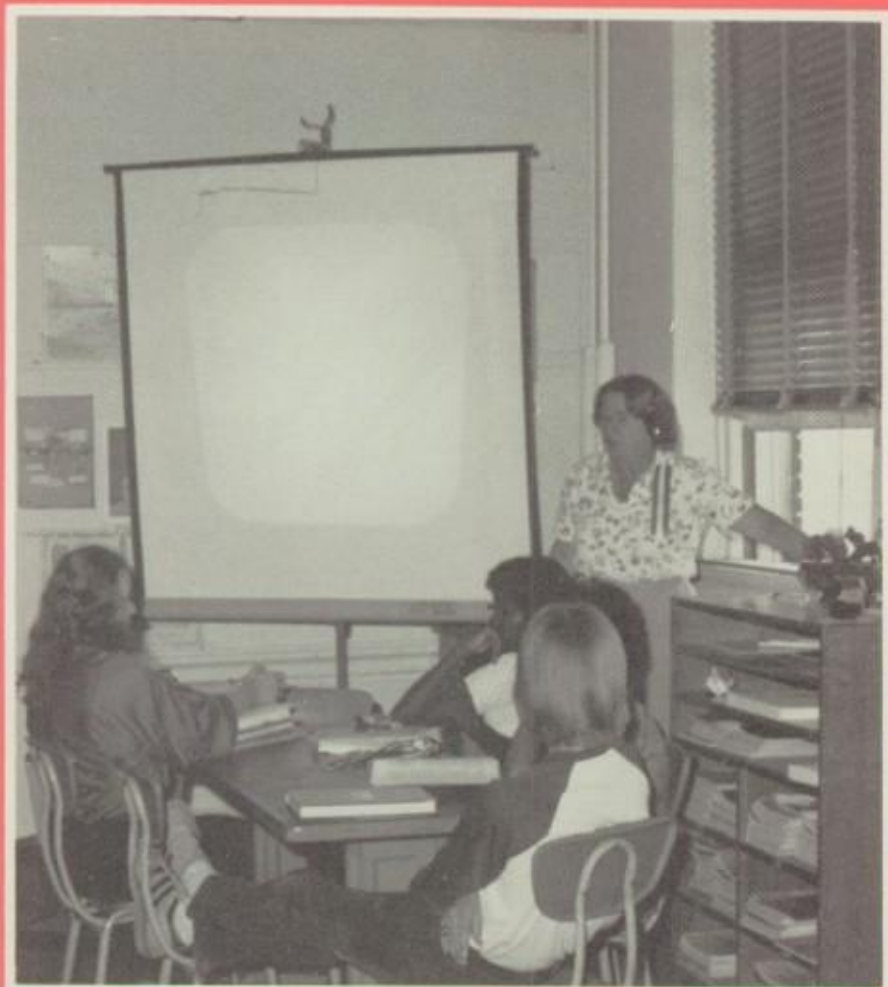
Top left: John Sheets, Leander Williams and Victor Hopkins prepares marquee for the next game. **Left:** A fallen comet receives first aid from Coach Case. **Above:** Pep Club and JV Cheerleaders express dissatisfaction with the refs' call.



Above: Mark Coyne, Mickey Medcalf and Mike Hotz may be distracted but Lea Ann Painter is in the books. **Above right:** Annette Johnson and Michele Franklin gets a head start in Business Machines. **Right:** Amidst all the quietness Danny Griffin catches a nap.



Getting down to business



The first two weeks of school in the steaming hot building were almost unbearable but complaints from eager students were minimal. The excitement of being with friends and an otherwise comfortable environment made the situation endurable.

By the end of the second week, everyone had settled down, reacquainted themselves with student expectations and was about the business of trying to live up to them. Of course, there were a few exceptions.

The Do Not Admit List reappeared on the scene as the DNA/Excused List; it proved to be an effective tool for keeping track of students.



Above left: Mrs. B. Erickson holds a captive audience. **Left:** Mr. K. Johnson preparing students for their next engagement.



Above: Ms. Jean Munde applies make-up for Robbie Wess. **Top right:** Alecia Wilhelm applies make-up for Marcus Pernell. **Right:** Students admiring a couple of proud clowns.



Join a club week a success



"Join A Club" week was sponsored by the Student Council on September 9-12, 1980. This week was designated to provide students the opportunity to get acquainted with the various clubs and join the club of their choice.

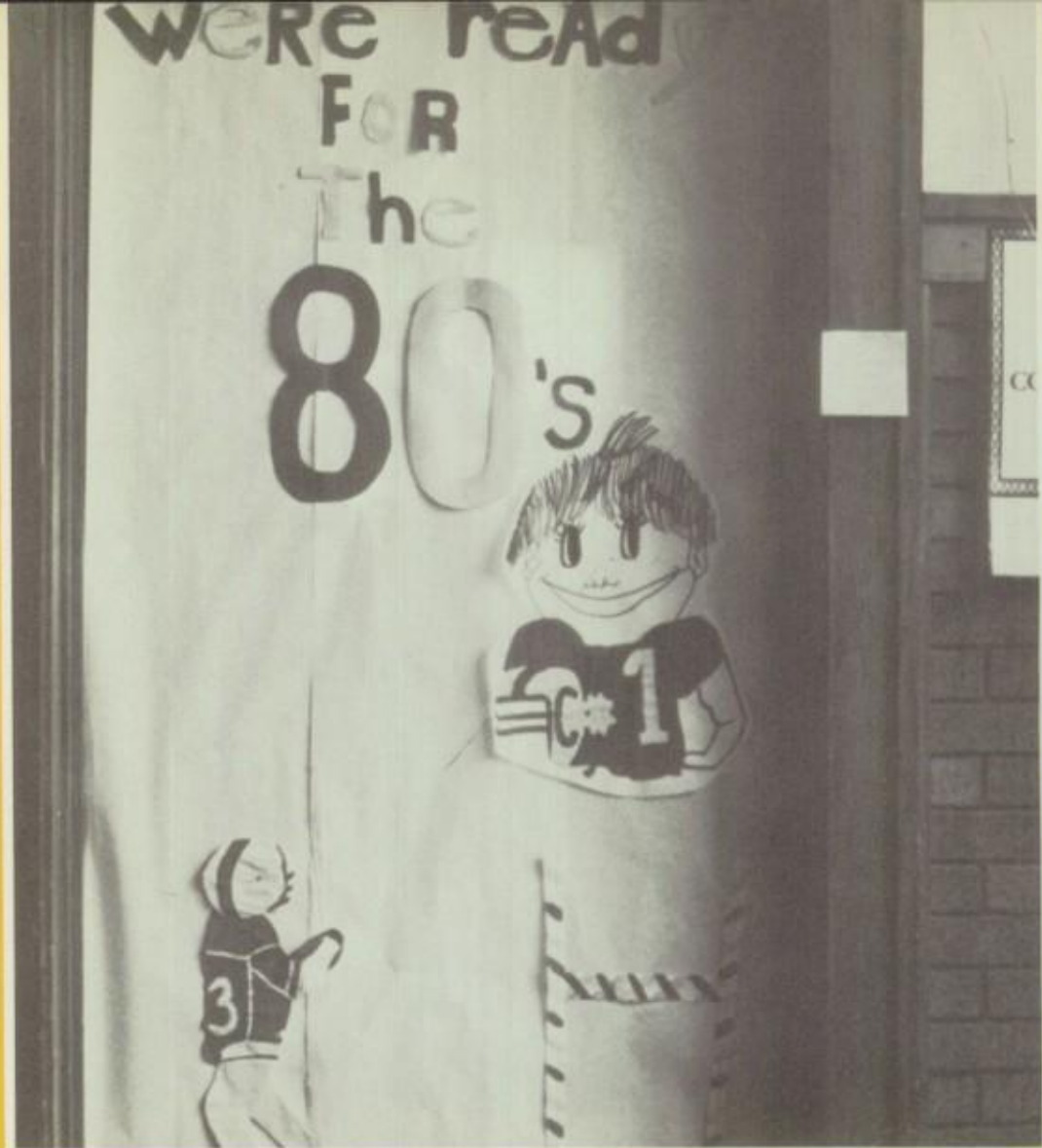
Clown make-up services were provided by the Thespian Club, Ms. Jean Munde, sponsor. Students and staff members eagerly took advantage of the services.

The activities scheduled for that week proved to be enjoyable and the purpose was well served.

Left: Dr. Sally R. Cole, Principal takes time to pose for a yearbook photographer. **Below left:** Hope Well, John Dixon and Darla Ferguson are very serious clowns. **Right:** Mrs. B. Frisk, Librarian captured playing a less serious role.



Right: Mrs. B. Erickson's home-room decoration for 1980-81 Spirit Week. **Below:** A group of high spirited clowns — Laura Worthen, Debora Smith, Yvonne Hubert, James Calhoun, Rhonda Pierce and Peter Cleeland.



The comet spirit

September 29, through October 3. . . . "Spirit Week"

The Classen Comet spirit was spurred by activities sponsored by Ms. Gail Simmons, Activities Director and the Student Council, Mr. K. Johnson, sponsor.

Our spirits were tantalized by a homeroom decorating contest; a mini-float and hall decorating contest; a parade; and a reception for Classen alumni which was a first time event.

Ms. Fox's homeroom won the homeroom decorating contest and Ms. Munde's Thespian Club won the mini-float decorating contest. The fruit of their efforts was a coke party.

The Pep Club peddled mums and Homecoming pep tags to promote Homecoming spirit among students, staff and patrons of Classen High School.



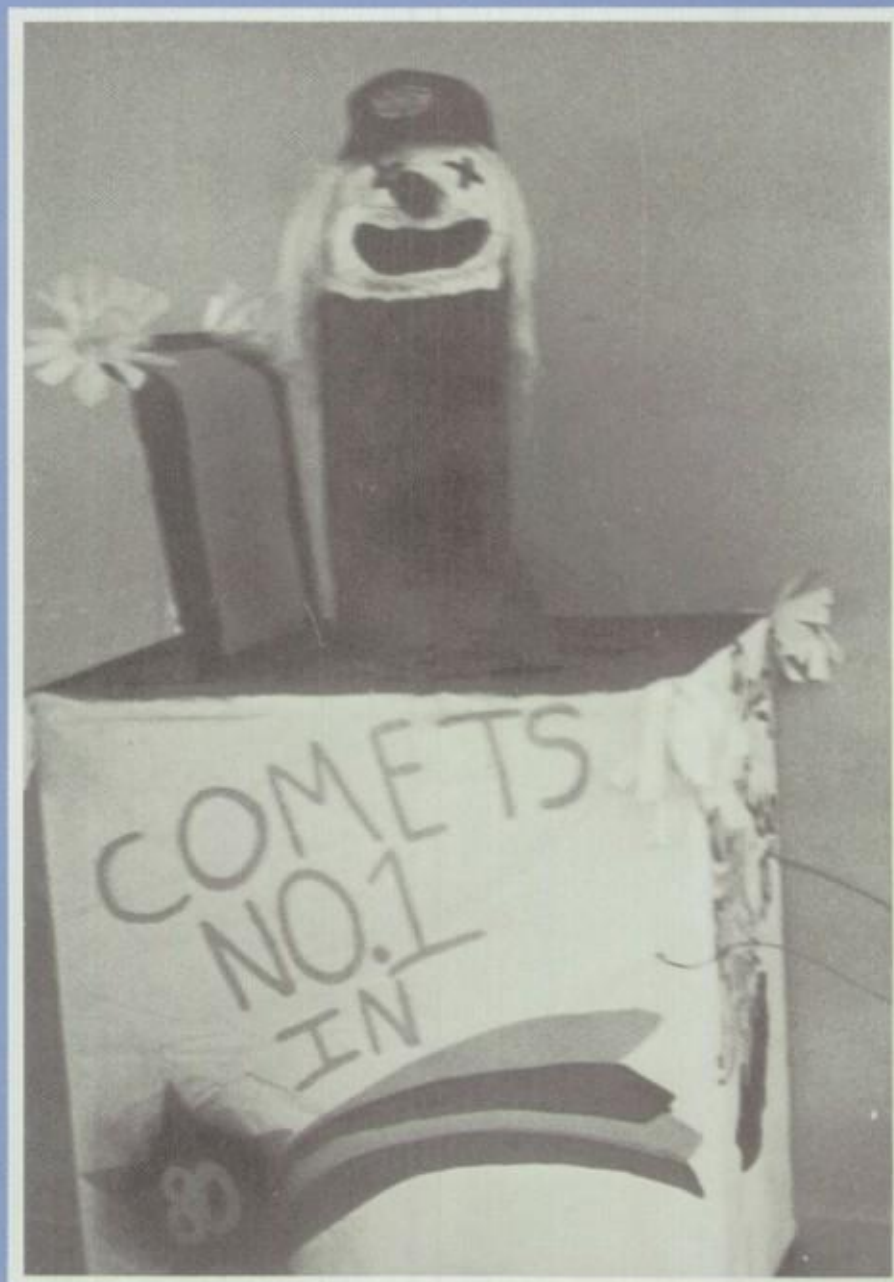
Above left: Seniors enjoy their colorful pep tag display. **Above:** Diana Jones display senior mini-float. **Left:** Dr. Sally R. Cole crowned No. 1 Principal by Thespian Club members.

Coming home

The theme for the 1980 Homecoming was "Ready for the '80s." The assembly on Thursday, the day of the game was a "blast" and sent everyone away keyed up for the evening activities when the Comets faced the Redskins at Taft Stadium. Everyone certainly appeared to be ready for the game, as well as the '80s.

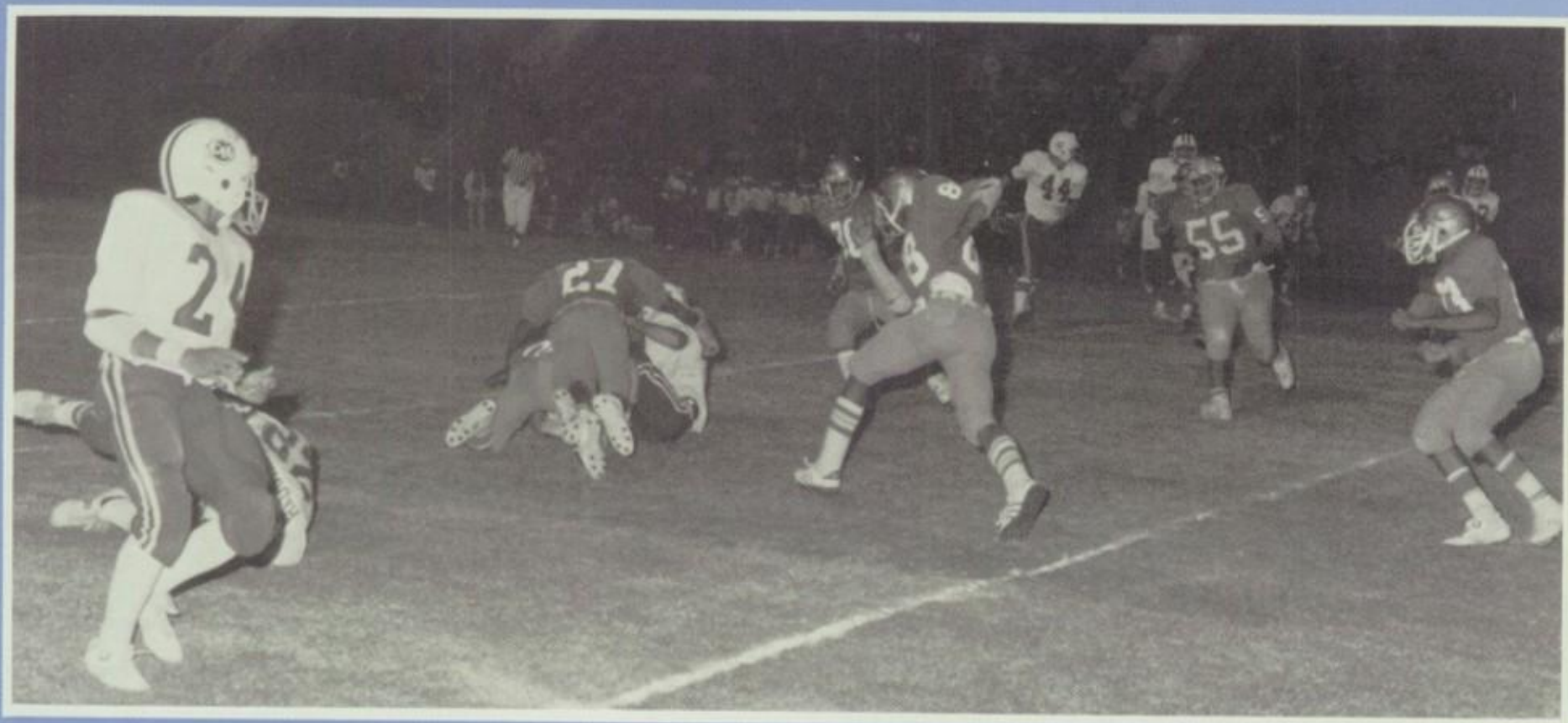
In spite of a 25 to 10 loss, everyone left the game as proud Comets.

Homecoming is always filled with good times, but only Mr. K. Johnson, Ms. Simmons and others who were actively involved know how much work goes into making each Homecoming as special as Homecoming 1980.



Above right: The Thespian Club Mini-float, a first place winner.
Below: The Pep Club and JV Cheerleaders cheering the Comets on to a touch-down.





Top: Comet defense goes in for a tackle against the Redskins.
Above: Lavertta Bailey, Sheila Gutierrez, Becky Wilhite and Michele Franklin — Varsity Cheerleaders in action.

Kim Russell crowned all sports queen

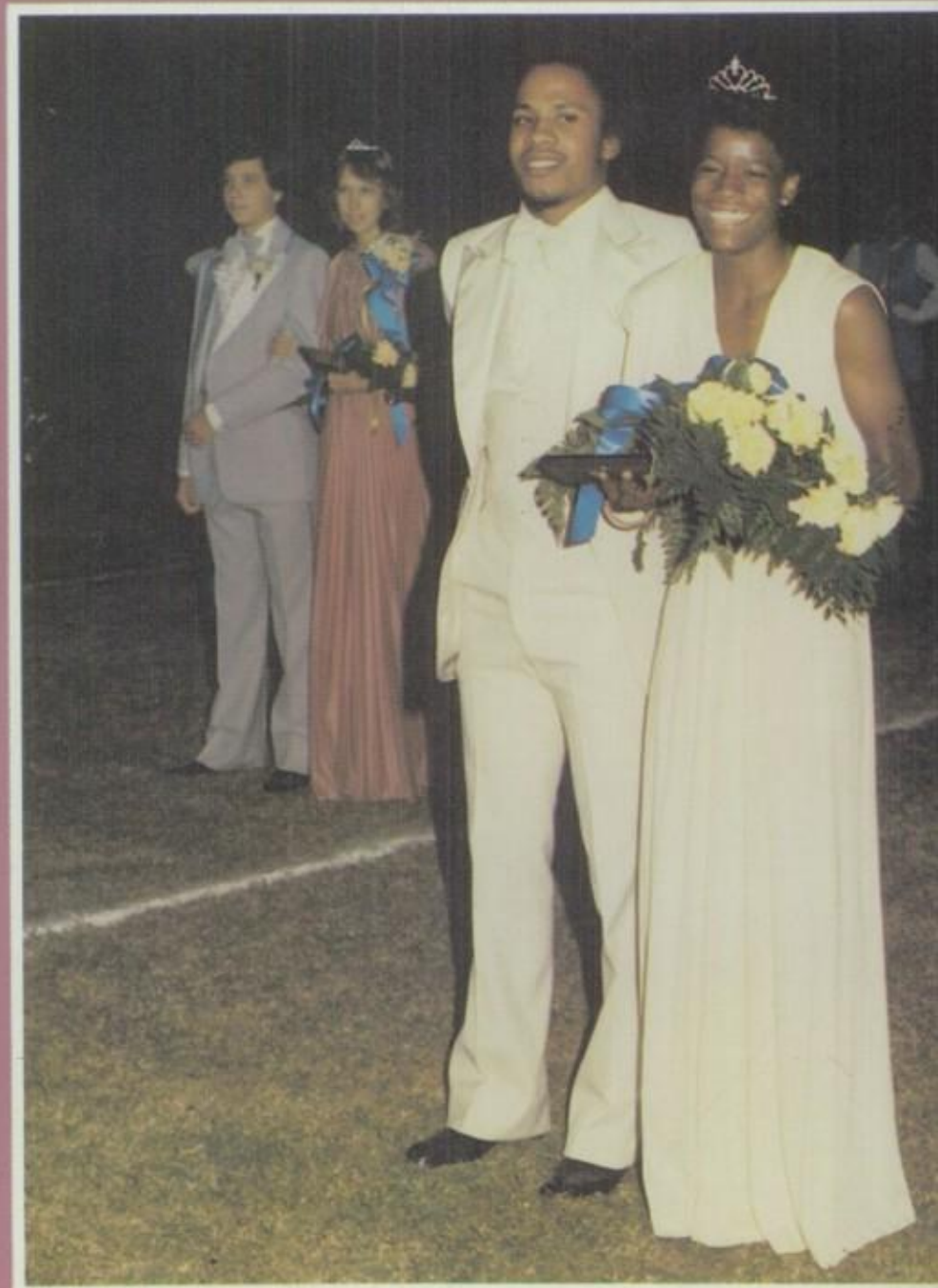
To highlight the weeks Homecoming festivities, Kim Russell was crowned All Sports Queen. Kim, a member of the Fellow Christian Athletes Club; Honor Society; and Girls' O'Club, is an outstanding athlete.

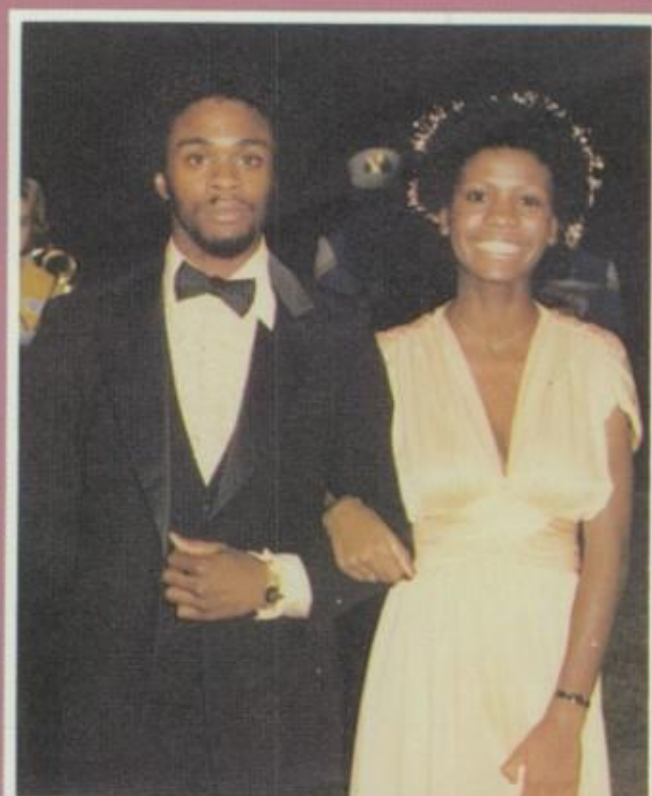
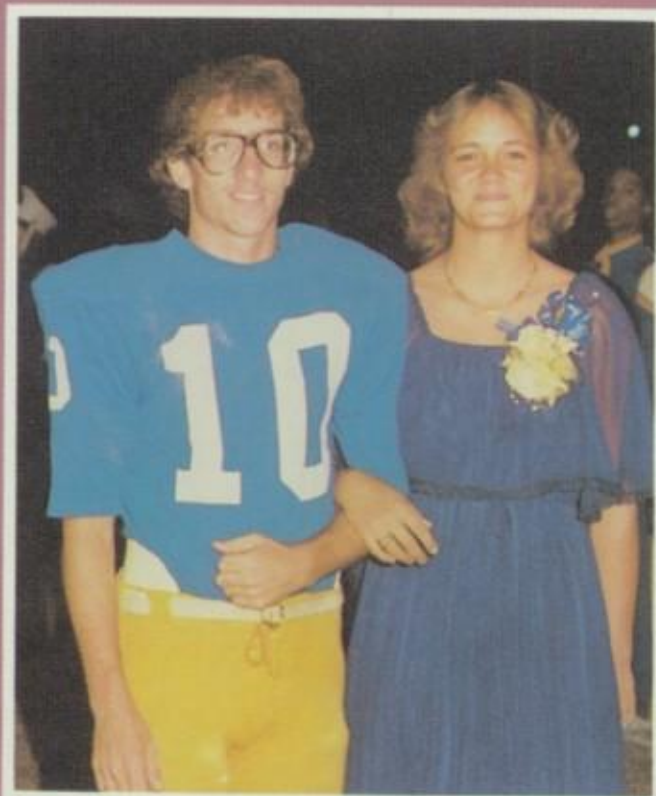
Lee Ann Wood was crowned Princess of Cross-Country, Football and Softball; Janice Taylor was crowned Princess of Wrestling, Swimming and Basketball; Carol Weatherall was crowned Princess of Baseball, Badminton and Volleyball; and Paula Mitchell was crowned Princess of Track, Golf, and Tennis.

The Queen and her Court were truly fit for Royalty as they took their respectful places in the Comet Courtship.



Above: An overjoyed Kim after the winner is announced and escort Jesse Robbins. **Top right:** The newly crowned Queen and her escort. **Right:** Kim Russell, All-Sports Queen preparing for ride around the stadium.





Above: All-Sports Queen Candidates — Lee Ann Wood, Janice Taylor, Paula Mitchell, Kim Russell and Carol Weatherall. **Top right:** Carol Weatherall and escort Steffon Birts. **Center right:** Paula Mitchell and escort Danny Griffith. **Lower right:** Janice Taylor and escort Kerry Mucker. **Immediate right:** Lee Ann Wood and escort Rick Medcalf.



Above: Colorguards and majorettes welcome the alumni during half-time festivities. **Right:** Comet players tackle a Redskin during the Homecoming game.





This year the "Pride of Classen" tried something new for Homecoming. All of the alumni dating back to 1974-75 were invited to participate in the Homecoming parade and other Homecoming festivities, including the half-time show and a reception given in their honor. Most of the alumni who participated were former band members.

The band also entered a float in the mini-float competition during the Homecoming assembly. Their float did not win first place, but they were still pleased with their unique creation.



Above: Classen marches on the field during halftime to show their stuff.

Above left: Valsherri Hill, Tressy Jones, and Michelle Grose show their Homecoming spirit.

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Student Life

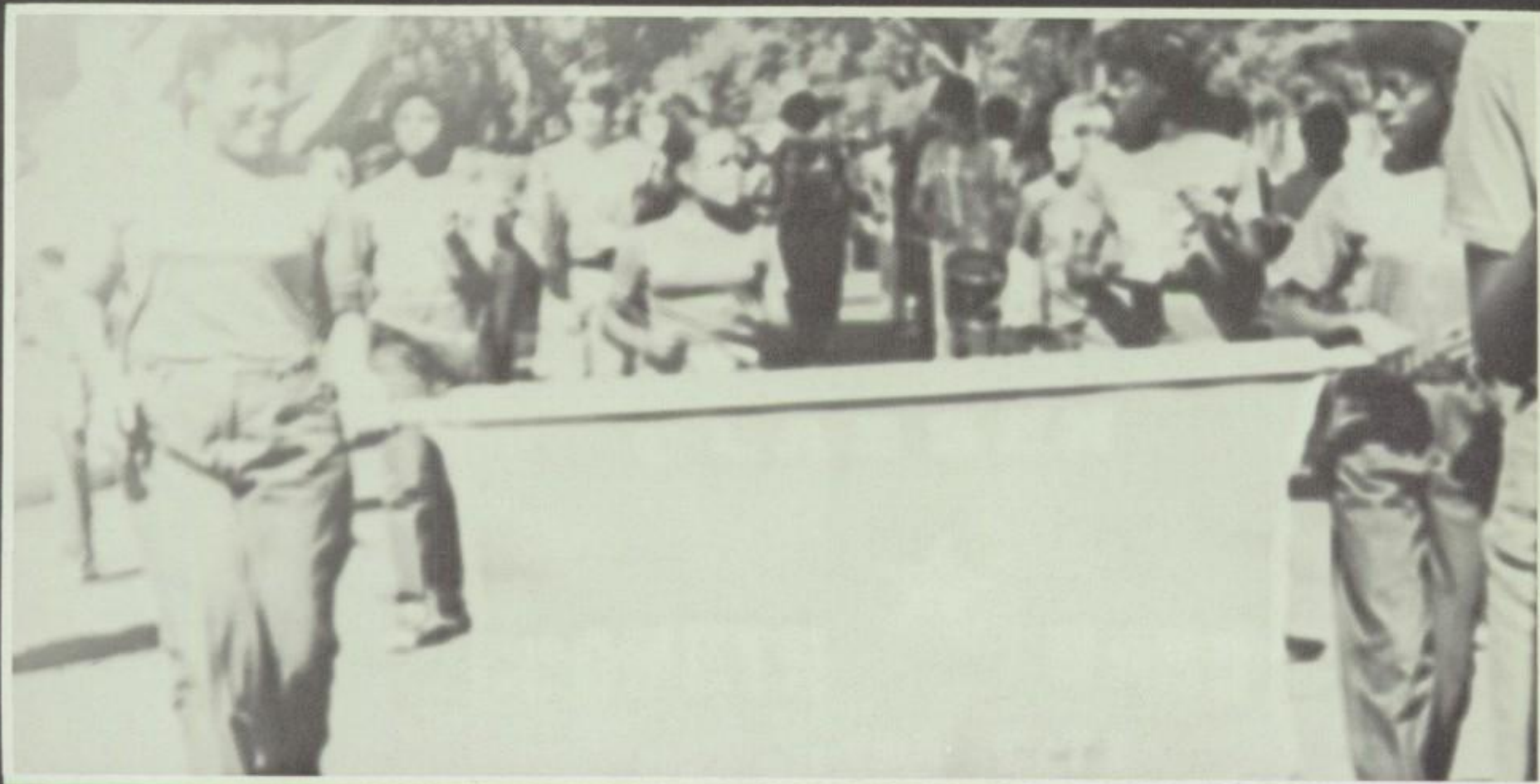


There were a lot of different people at Classen . . . different races . . . different lifestyles. It was commonly referred to as the "melting pot," but that didn't seem to matter though. You see, we all got along very well. We were a group of young people . . . just being ourselves and trying to make the best of it.

We all had ideas and opinions about how things were supposed to be or how they should have been, but few fully understood the more crucial issues that were affecting our lives.

The Iranian Crises, the war in the Middle East and Election '80 were high on our list of major concerns. During the past year, we did develop a deeper sense of political awareness. We were truly growing up, but that too was a bit frightening at times.

Every once in a while something exciting, funny or even interesting and entertaining, came along to relieve our minds of world events and the unpleasantness of life in general. After all, we could afford to not be too serious sometimes. One must remember, we were just high school students.



Top Left: Stage Craft Crew at work. **Above:** The "Pride of Classen" band on parade.



Expressions



1. Coach Crane getting the point over to Marcus Stewart and Patrick Pernell. 2. Lavertta Bailey waits patiently for fourth time block to end. 3. Gina Washington and Richard Davis enjoying the Homecoming football game.



1. Coaches Nance, Crane and Case keeping a watchful eye on the game. 2. Radonna Shive, Ester Foster and Florence Viney "munching down" as they enjoy the football game. 3. Anne Burow and Lea Ann Painter watching the scoreboard. 4. Mike Shephard showing off as Dr. Cole looks on.

Fair Day is fun day

Mix together some lights, screams and the aroma of cotton candy and popcorn, and you will have all the makings of a day that only a fair could bring.

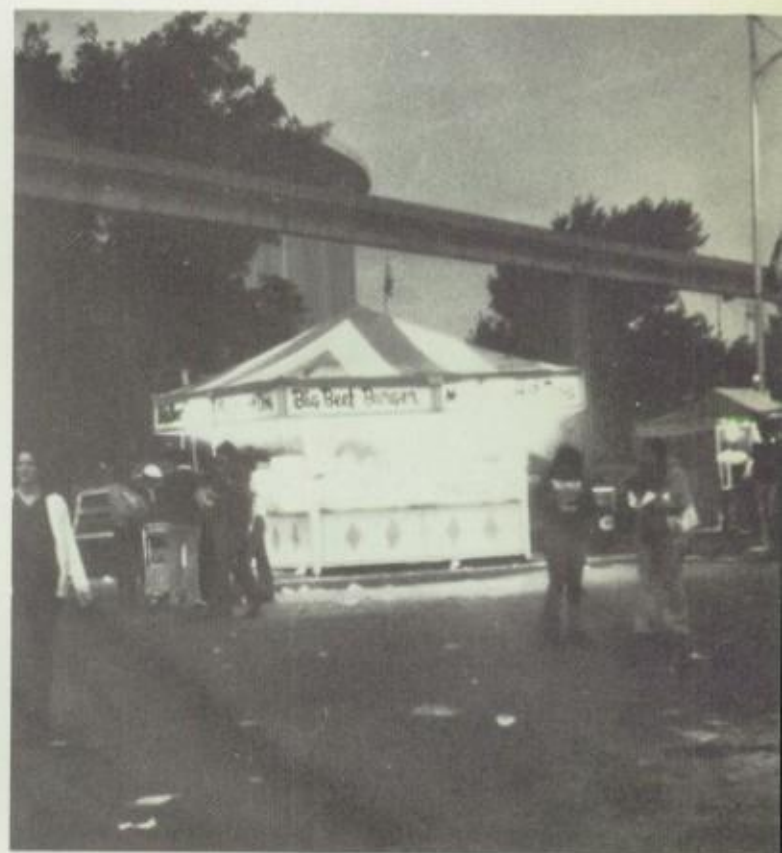
September 22, was Oklahoma City Fair Day, a day to which most of us looked forward because it meant no school. After sleeping-in later than usual, we were up and off to the fair — settling for corn dogs on a stick with mustard for breakfast. How gross?

The price of foods and rides this year were outrageous. We all complained about that and decided to chalk it up to inflation and kept on spending until we were broke. After all, there were other interesting and fun things to do that required no money. The arts and crafts exhibit, car show and livestock exhibit were all free of charge. Some of us simply walked around and listened to the variety of music that constantly blared from the rides.

All in all, the fair turned out to be a fun time to get together with friends.



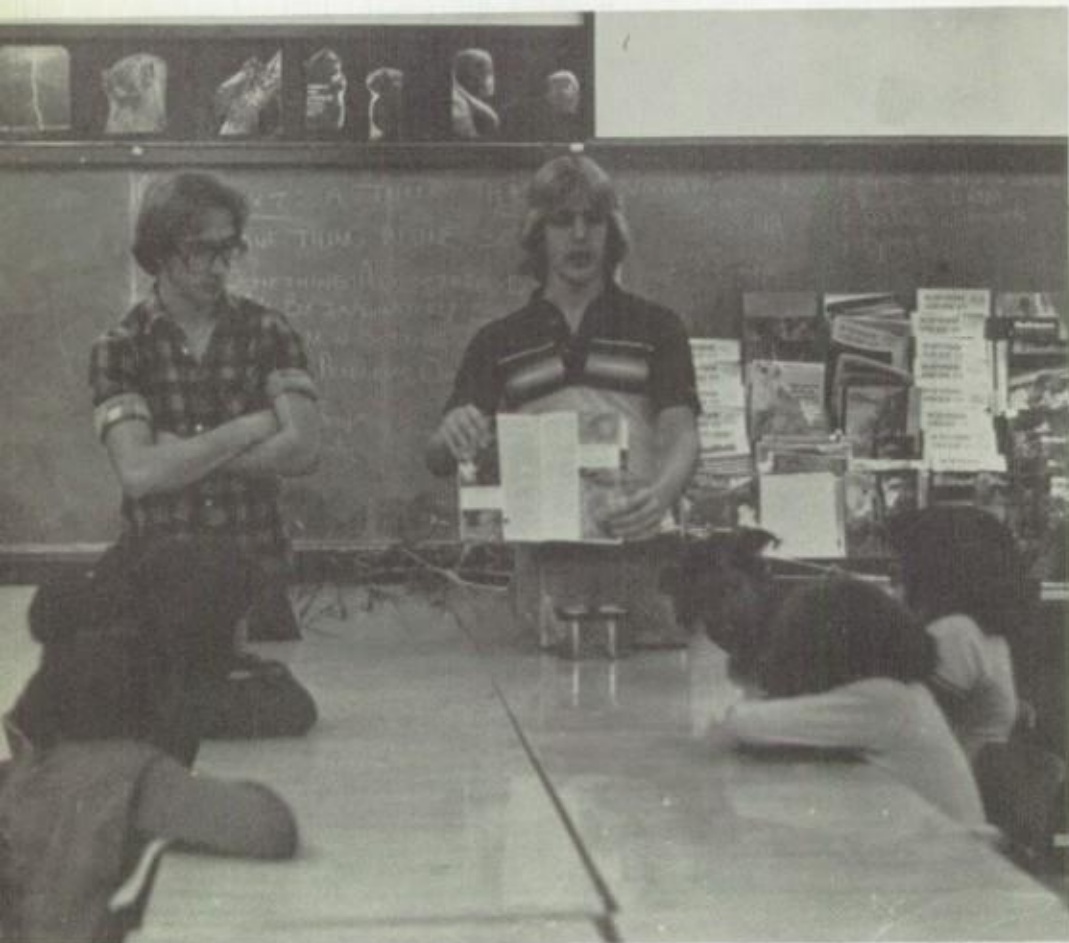
Above: Joe Atwood, Karen Wolford and Pete Delaney, better known as "the three stooges," having fun hangin' out at the fair.



Familiar fair scenes by day and night. **Top left:** The ferris wheel was probably the most inviting ride.

Student Involvement

Top Left: Rick Medcalf and Pete Delaney, Life Lab Assistants at work. **Below Left:** Janice Taylor, a student switchboard operator makes the right connections. **Below:** Color Guards performing at a pep assembly.



After the general "beginning of school blahs" subsided, somewhat, students began to get involved and interested in school activities. "Join A Club Week", sponsored by the Student Council had a very positive influence on student involvement.

Candy sales and other fund-raising projects were undertaken. There were seminars and educational field trips for students who were interested in learning experiences, or, just wanted to be out of classes. On special occasions, parties were given outside of school by some of the clubs and organizations.

The Red Cross sponsored a "Remember the Hostages Day." The members tied yellow ribbons in various places around the building in remembrance of the 52 Americans held hostage in Iran.

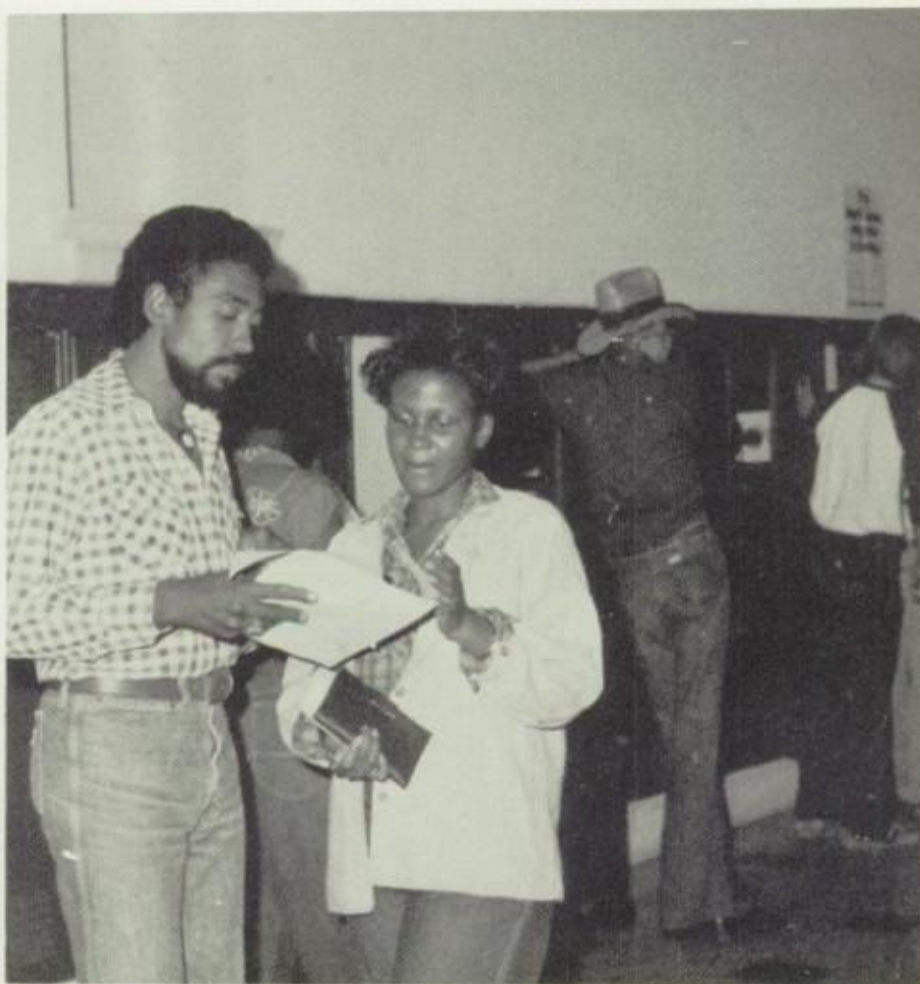
Intramural games and sports functions were provided during lunch to give students the opportunity to participate, or, just sit and watch.

Club meeting times ranged from 7:30 a.m. to the occasional "brown bag" meetings that were held at lunch time. Also, there were after school activities, especially for those who were involved in sports.

With the diversity of curricular offerings, and the clubs and organizations at Classen High School, there was something for everyone who desired to be involved.



Something for Everyone



Above left: Lee Ann Wood takes the podium at the Installation services for new National Honor Society members. **Above:** Carmen Thompson and Mr. Donkor Khalid, ESAA Counselor discussing agenda for the next SAC meeting. **Below left:** Kari Shive getting some first hand experience in class management.

Lunch time - everybody's favorite

Lunch time . . . it never came soon enough and was over before we realized it. Gee, it was the best time of the day. If one could survive time block four, he was home free; it meant lunch and two more classes to go.

What to do for this brief period was usually decided by the toss of a coin. Of course, financial resources and taste buds were taken into consideration. Fortunately, there are numerous eating establishments within close proximity of the school.

A number of students patronized the school cafeteria because it was convenient to do so. The food was more nourishing and less expensive.

Of course, there were also the "junk food" junkies. They preferred to go grab a candy bar, a coke, and court on the stairwells, or, on third floor, "B" Hall. Some just goofed off the entire break.

The most important thing to remember is that we all had choices and we cherished that brief period of the day.



Above right: Robert Burow and Stephanie Moore stealing away from the crowd. **Right:** Teresa Crenshaw, Nellie Vogt and Gina Bruno enjoying an off-campus lunch.

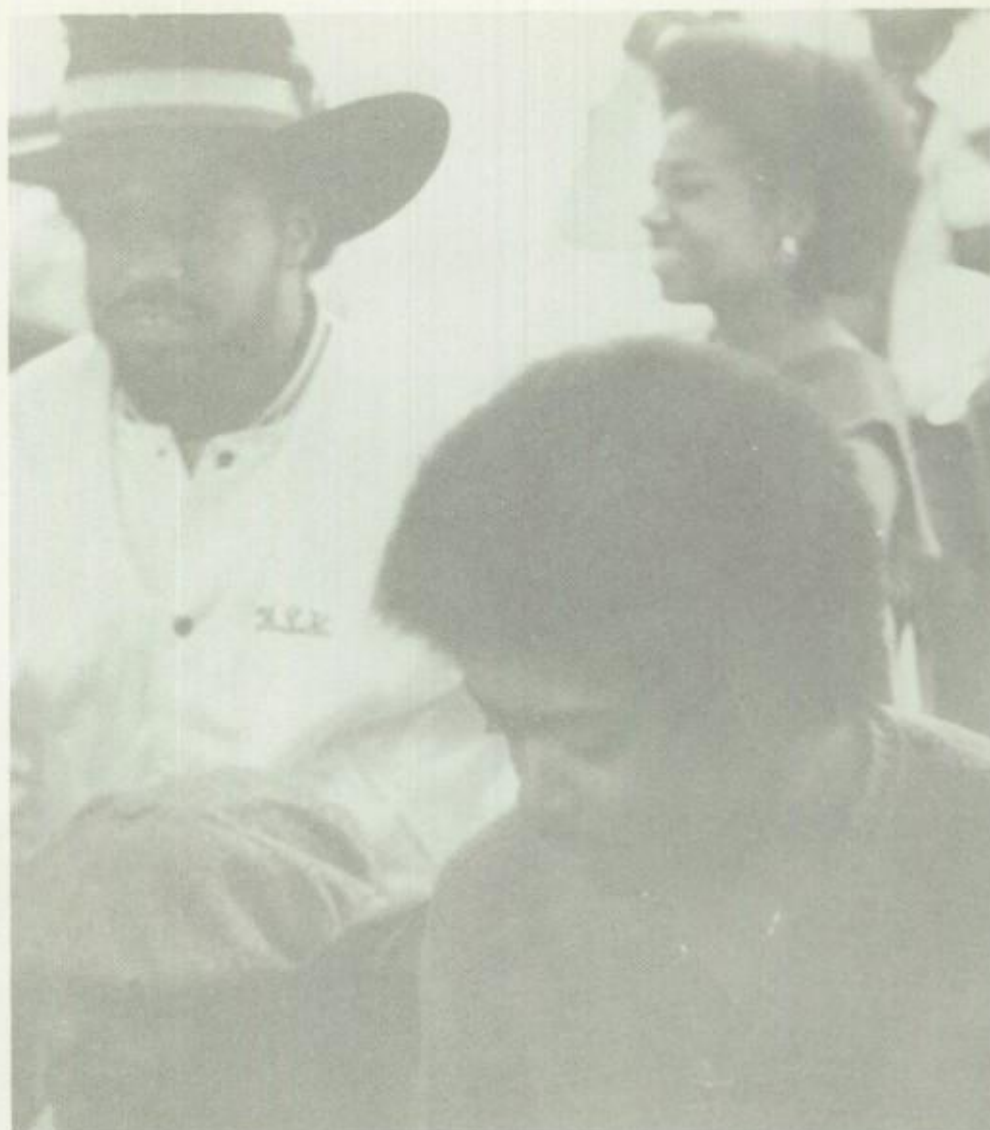




Left: B. J. Cloud waits patiently for his turn at the order counter. **Below Left:** Mike Stevenson and Twyla Gates are enjoying a peaceful break. **Below Right:** Jesse Robbins, Denise Bedell, and Neela Patel taking in some fresh air.



Right: Michele Franklin is lined up for a Bar-Kay autograph. **Below:** Carol Weatherall and Tandra Hogan posing with the Bar-Kays manager. **Below right:** Dr. Sally Cole posing with the Bar-Kays.



Bar-Kays Come To Classen

On October 31, the Classen High School student body was privileged to have in their midst the Bar-Kays, a soul group from Memphis, Tennessee. Their appearance was made possible through the joint efforts of the Urban League of Greater Oklahoma City and the University of Oklahoma.

The group was at Classen for one hour for an autograph signing assembly. Students attending the assembly were granted admission upon producing tickets showing proof of having turned in canned goods. The canned goods were to be used in preparing Thanksgiving baskets for needy families.

The senior class coordinated the efforts of collecting the canned goods. The worthwhile project was both successful and exciting for the thoughtful group of students who participated.



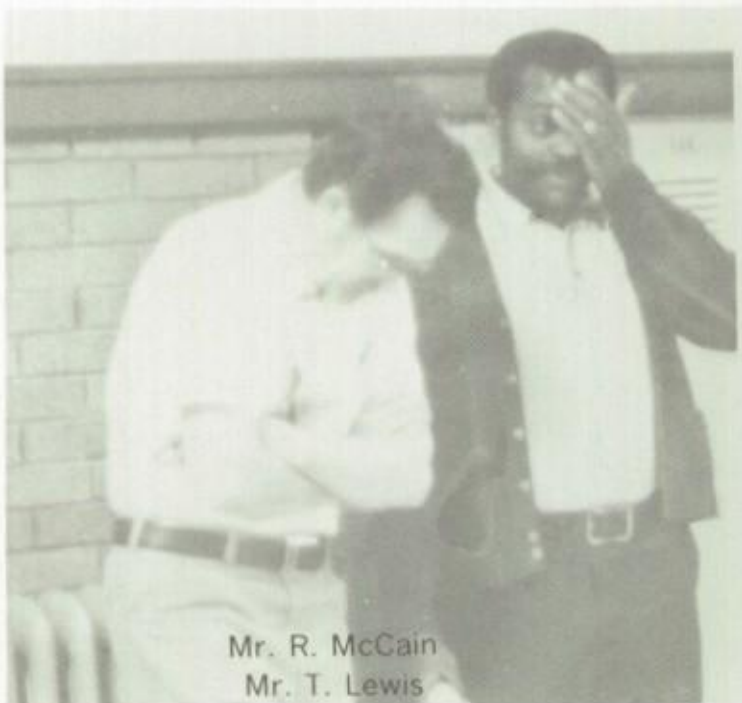
Group preparing for departure as Mr. Norris Williams looks on.

Faculty, Staff and Administrators are very busy people too?



Mrs. Pat Pyle

Is it all here?



Mr. R. McCain
Mr. T. Lewis

Oh Lord, the bell just rang!



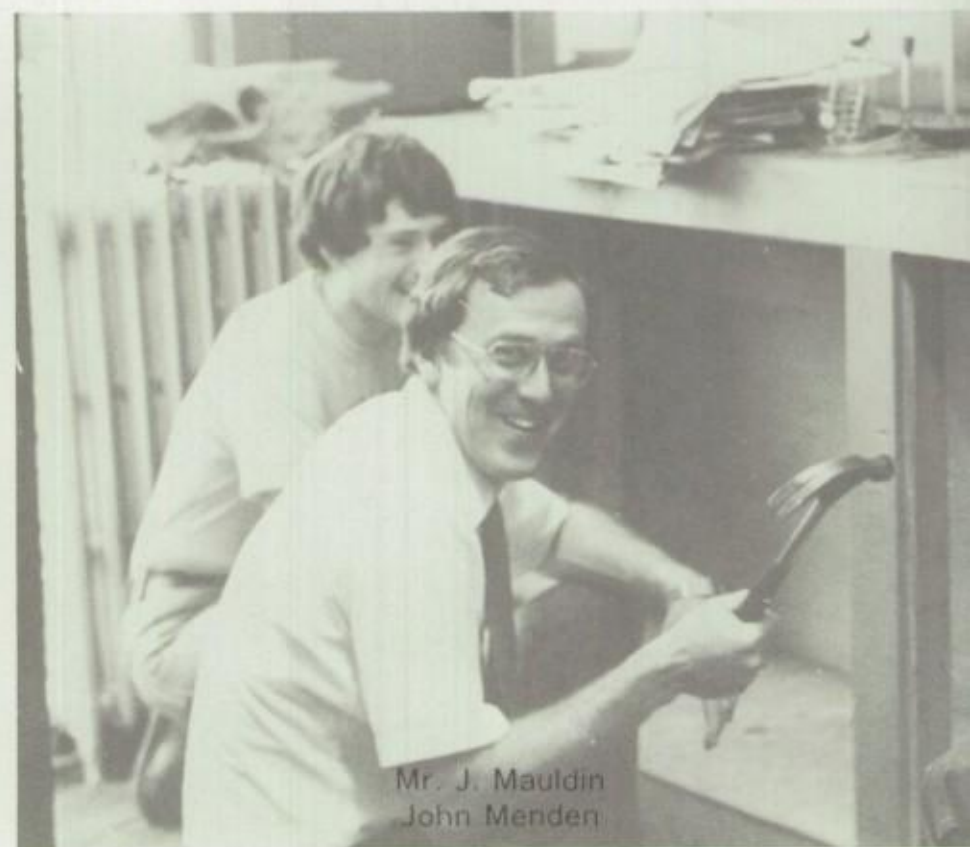
Mrs. R. Stephens
Mrs. I. Burris

Mrs. Burris, did you hear the latest about -----?



Mrs. D. Reber

I'm getting out of here!



Mr. J. Mauldin
John Menden

Gee, I love this kind of work.



Mrs. J. Evans

T G I F!



Mrs. M. Bryant

Must I call this parent?



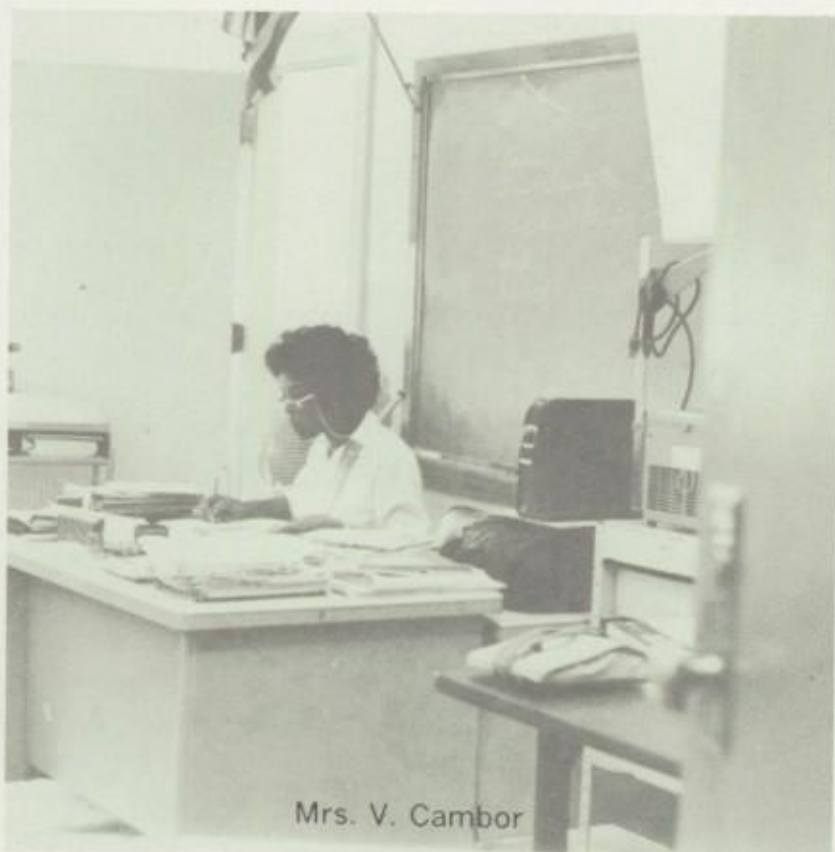
Mrs. R. Smith

This is fun.



Mr. G. Crane

This is really good news.



Mrs. V. Cambor

Busy, busy, busy



Mrs. A. VanDusen

This thing works.

OUR 1981 YEAR

Organizations

Calling all clubs . . .

1981 was an excellent year for clubs and organizations. Instead of the usual Wednesday morning meetings, they were held almost every day of the week, before school and often at lunch. Many dates on the activities calendar were secured early in the school year.

Classen students look forward to the excitement of club, academic activities and the various weekly and monthly get-togethers.

All events which involve students or campus property must be scheduled through the Activities Director, Ms. Gail Simmons, who deserves much of the credit for the "rebirth" of Classen's activities. She has earned the respect and admiration of the faculty and student body.

The Classen High School Band

"The Pride of Classen High" Band, directed by Mr. Koehler Johnson, has upheld its tradition of fine music. The marching band, consisting of all students enrolled in band, performs at football games and other important sports events, and represents Classen in civic sponsored parades. Vaughn Woody, drum major, and Sherry Hinton, drum majorette led the band in every event. He did a fantastic job of assisting Mr. Johnson. The band has made a tremendous contribution to school spirit.

The majorettes and color guards created and performed their own routines this year. Sherry Hinton, drum majorette, led the girls in new and interesting maneuvers during half time activities.

The majorettes, color guards and drummers participated in separate competition events during the year.



Row One: Christine Blakely, Twyla Gates, Vaughn Woody, Sherry Hinton, Tammy Richmond, Karen McGirt. **Row Two:** Sondra Robbins, Annette Johnson, **Row Three:** Dexter Hathorne, Randy Spohn, Stephanie Moore. **Row Four:** Angela Trotter, Theodore Blackwell, David Clark, Lavertta Bailey, Gina Washington, Timothy Sale, Terry Trail, Larry Denton, **Row Five:** Geno Neal, Coletta Watts, Renoda Barnett, John Lyons, Curtis Danford, Kim Noblitt, Karey McCoy, John Liljestrand, **Row Six:** Jack Thompson, Lisa Washington, Terrance Richardson, John Sheets, Leander Williams, Anita Martin, Michelle McDonald, Wendy Williams, **Row Seven:** John Minden, Richard English, Darren Sapcut, Antwyan Brown, Chris Knight, Jerome Birts, Wayne Wetmore, Marcus Martin, Steve Morgan. **Row Eight:** Valsherri Hill, Tressy Jones, Teresa Broughton, Almata Kelley, Sharmaine Franklin, Claudette Wallace, Lutricia McNeal, Lorraine Lovelace. **Row Nine:** Sherry Gilory.



Majorettes: Row One: Twyla Gates, Tammy Richmond. **Top Row:** Sondra Robbins, Christine Blakely, Karen McGirt, Annette Johnson.

Color guards: Row One, Sharmaine Franklin, Claudette Wallace, Lorraine Lovelace, Teresa Broughton. **Top Row:** Valsherri Hill, Tressy Jones, Almeta Kelley, Lutricia McNeal.

Below: Former band members perform at Homecoming halftime activities.



Cheerleaders, Pep Club are spirit boosters

"Starting Over" was not only a big hit of the late John Lennon, but a familiar tune to the Varsity Cheerleaders. They went through so many different squads first semester that the crowd surely had a very difficult time determining just who the real Comet Cheerleaders were. The final cheerleading squad consisted of only five, but those five were truly devoted.

The cheerleaders worked hard to have new cheers for each pep assembly. They did pom-pom routines and songs to help boost school spirit.

The Junior Varsity Cheerleaders were required to cheer during home football games. They went to every game to help cheer the Comets to victory.

Under the sponsorship of Mrs. Annette Van Dusen, the Pep Club began the year with lots of new and ambitious personalities. Before each sporting event, they put up posters to promote school spirit, and sold pep tags.

Concern and dedication to the athletes is a Pep Club tradition. The 1980-1981 members continued with tradition by attending the many athletic events and showing their support.

Right: Varsity Cheerleaders: Paula Mitchell, Janice Taylor, Cheryl Tappan, Michele Franklin, Lavertta Bailey. **Below:** Ms. Gail Simmons, Varsity Cheerleaders sponsor, Paula Mitchell, Diane Bedell and Gina Murrow enjoying a football game.





Left: JV Cheerleaders: Cathy Alexander, Bambi Cornell, Lisa Davis. **Below Left:** Pep Club: **Front Row:** Linda Bland, Gigi Payzant, Michelle Grose, Kari Shive, Sabrina Mikuenski, Lisa Gendein. Row 2: Lisa Rusgrove, Pebbles McDonald, Thea Delaney, Sherri Parnell, Darla Ferguson, Fay Rutherford, Annette VanDusen, sponsor.



National Honor Society

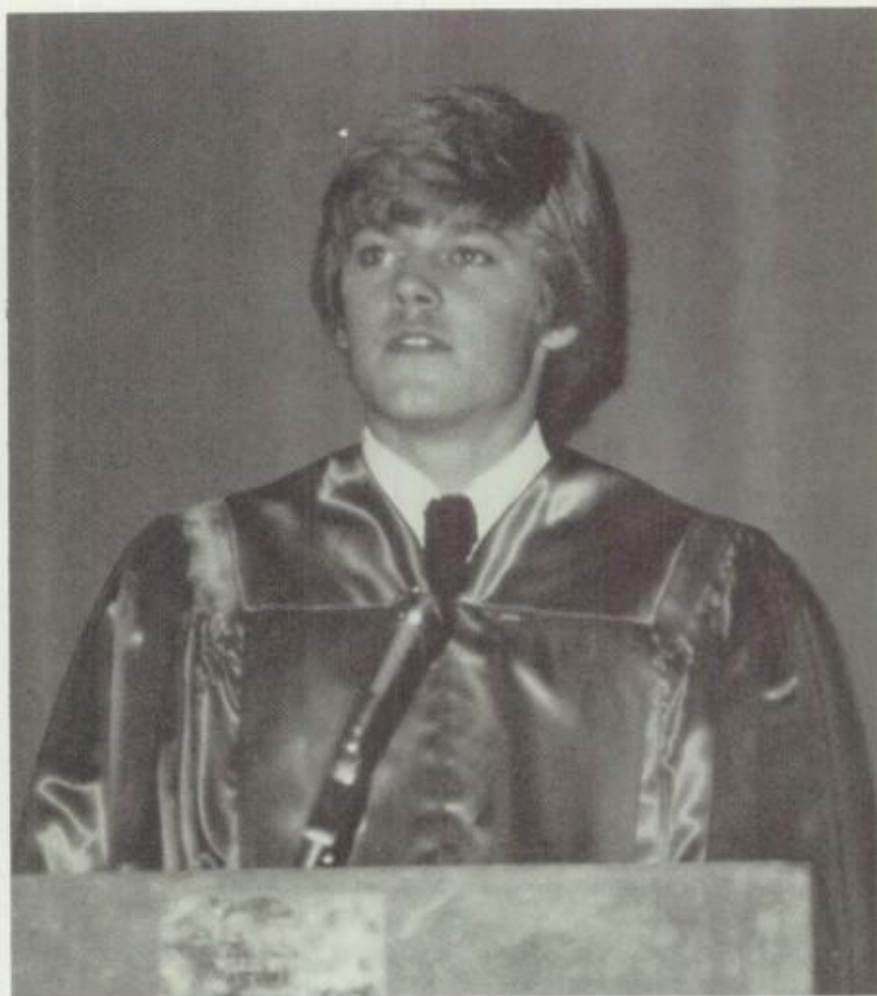
The National Honor Society at Classen High School started the year with an entirely different and vivacious group. Installation services were held on September 30, 1980 for seventeen new members. A reception was held in the school cafeteria afterwards for the NHS members and their guests.

Their annual "car rally" was full of the usual laughter. The Halloween party that was held at the home of Mrs. Darlene Reber provided great fun for the group also.

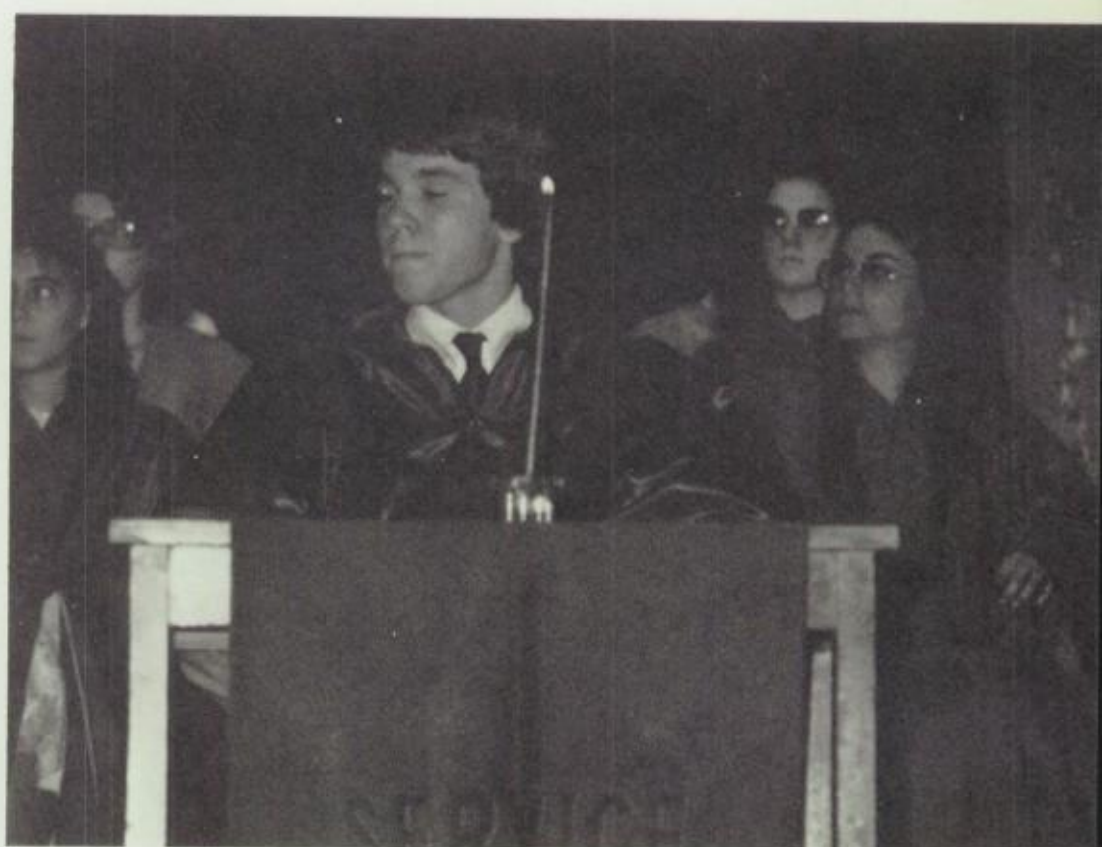
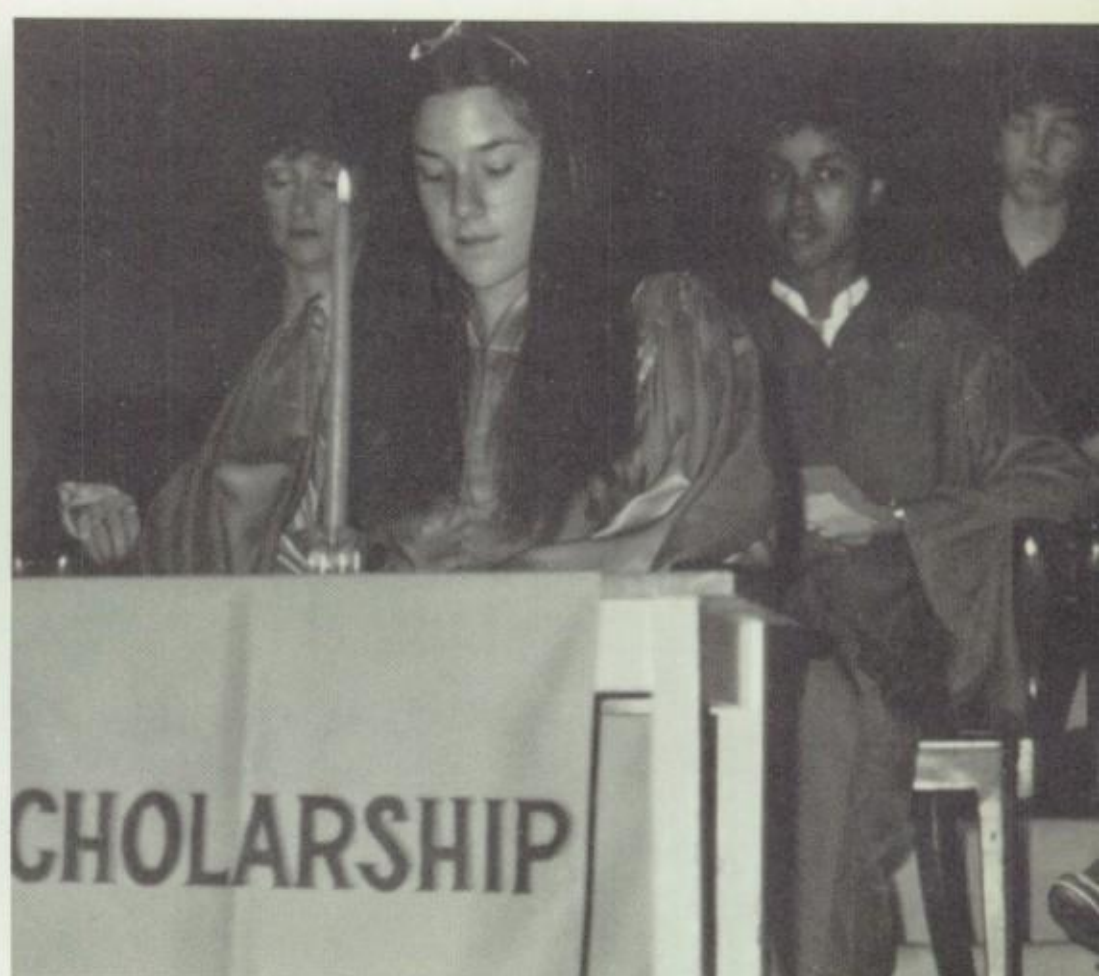
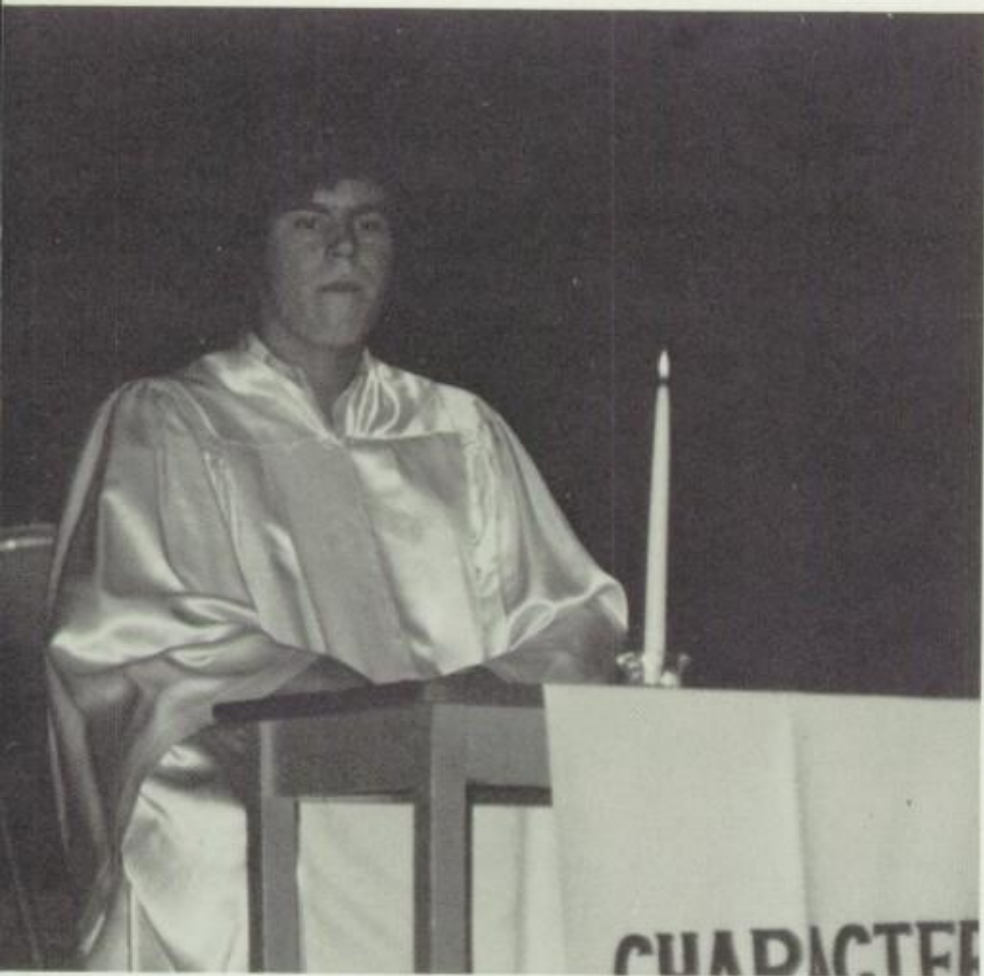
Keeping with tradition and the Yuletide spirit, the NHS members went Christmas carolling at Baptist Medical Center. They also provided the children at the center with gifts of coloring books that they made themselves.

Their Christmas party was held at Godfather's Pizza. It was clearly evident that scholars have fun too.

NHS sponsors were Mrs. Darlene Reber and Mrs. Betty McCauley.



Bottom Row: Sherry Hinton, Lavertta Bailey, Twyla Gates, Gloria Jackson, Anne Burow, Terry Trail. **Row 2:** Coletta Watts, Gina Washington, Doris Arterburn, Ester Foster, Lee Ann Wood, Kim Thuy Tran, Derrell Chapman, Patricia Beckett. **Top Row:** Lisa Washington, John Minden, Rod Rogers, Scott Payzant, Sondra Robbins, Brad Cox, Richard English, Vernona Russell.



Top Left: Doug Winters, **Top Right:** Dr. Cole, Patricia Beckett, Sondra Robbins and John Lyons. **Center Left:** Lavertha Bailey, **Right:** Nora Wheeler, Donna Allen, Rod Rogers, Nova Burgess, Terry Trail. **Left:** Honor Society members enjoying their Halloween party.

Clubs promote participation

Student Council seeks involvement

Student Council is the governing body of the school. This year STUCO's involvements served their school, their alumni, and their community. They successfully sponsored numerous activities and participated in the State Convention, the District #9 Workshop and the Close-Up trip to Washington, D.C.

The Student Advisory Committee works to help alleviate student school related problems. Their main event was to host a yearly "Visitation Day." The socialization is important but their primary purpose is making preparations today for tomorrow's challenges.

Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) students are interested in business subjects. Their activities are educational, social, and philanthropic. The club sold Blue & Gold Sausage and attended the Regional and State Conventions.

The Red Cross is dedicated to helping others. They are noted for their disaster training and assistance. They were once again the largest organization at Classen. "Brown bag" meetings were held at lunchtime when necessary to discuss future activities. Members attended the annual retreat where courses in First Aid, Vital Signs, and Disaster Orientation Were given to all participants. Other highlighted events were sending delegates to the Red Cross National Convention and displaying yellow ribbons in remembrance of the hostages who were held in Iran for over a year.



SAC

Top Row: Lea Ann Painter, Stephanie Moore, Robert Burow, Kerry Mucker, Janice Taylor, Christine Blakely. **Row 1:** Carmen Thompson, Twyla Gates, Becky Wilhite, Annette Johnson, Renoda Barnett, Diana Jones.



Student Council

Top Row: Michelle Grose, Lisa Washington, Diana Jones, Carmen Thompson, John Minden, David Partin, Bella Sterling, Annette Johnson, Rod Rogers. **Row 1:** Pebbles McDonald, Kim Bridges, Lavertta Bailey, Sondra Robbins, Cathy Alexander, Lisa Davis, Suzanne Grose.



FBLA

Top Row: N. Vogt, V. Hill, B. Wilhite, S. Robbins, E. Davis, L.A. Wood, J. Wright, A. Johnson, D. Morton.
Row 3: Mrs. A. Jackson, K. Mucker, E. Foster, B. Walker, L. Lee, C. Watts, J. Taylor, M. Franklin, E. Lyons and Mrs. V. Cambor. **Row 2:** L. Beatty, P. Beckett, C. Blakely, N. Montoya, P. Edwards, R. Barnett, C. Thompson, S. Whitfield, and X. Tran. **Row 1:** K. Reeves, J. Cherry, D. Drake, T. Strauss, D. Jones and W. Kellev.



Red Cross

Top Row: J. Noblitt, E. Dodd, T. Trail, E. Scarberry, C. Sealy, B. Murrow. **Row 5:** D. Winter, D. Baxter, T. Rios, L. Martin, K. Cross, J. Atwood, V. Woody, B. Wilhite, S. Payzant, B. Stueve, A. Wilson. **Row 4:** T. Delaney, D. Griffith, L. Davis, T. Sale, D. Drake, P. Delaney, P. Mitchell, R. Medcalf. **Row 3:** Mrs. B. Erickson, Sponsor, P. McDonald, G. Payzant, M. Grose, S. Gutierrez, L. Painter, R. English, N. Vogt, S. Mikuenski, R. Rogers. **Row 2:** W. Wetmore, J. Minde, Y. Hubert, R. Burow, S. Moore, B. Koczproski, S. Parnell, D. Ferguson, J. Chapman, S. Grose, C. Ivins. **Row 1:** K. Wolford, S. Wallace, T. Trail, J. Green, K. Noblitt, and Kelly McDonald.

New staff strive to meet deadlines

Both publications editors and assistant editors got a head start by attending Yearbook/Newspaper workshops last June at the University of Oklahoma. It was anticipated that the workshops would make the task ahead less painful.

The first obstacle faced was to get the cameras repaired and learn to use them effectively. The second, to launch a sales campaign, which was like pulling eye teeth. The third obstacle was meeting the first deadline.

In addition to the sales campaign, there were fundraisers, field trips, the election for Mr. and Miss Classen and the Orbit assembly in May, at which time Mr. and Miss Classen was announced.

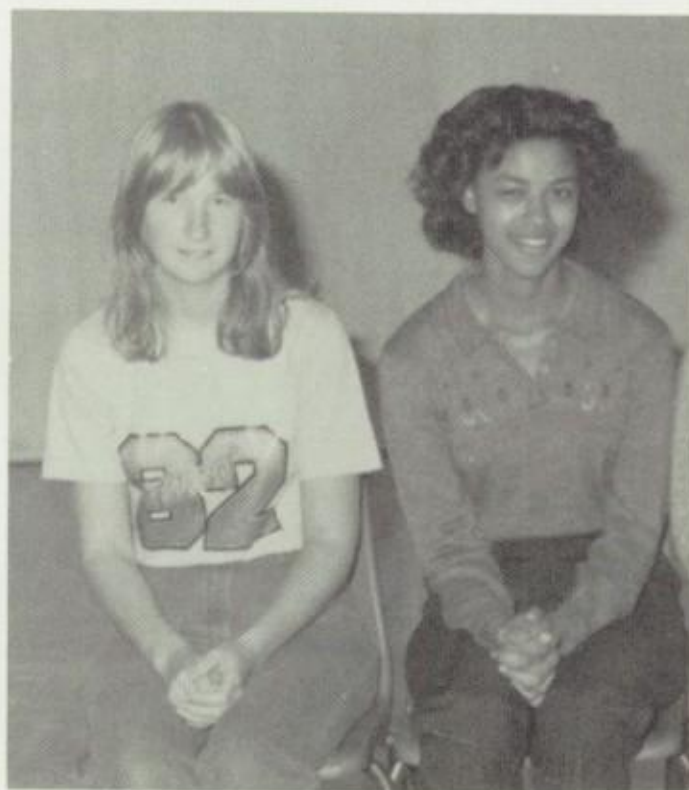
The yearbook was co-edited by Shelia Gutierrez and Victor Hopkins. Sondra Robbins was the editor of Classen Life and Vicki Wise was assistant editor. One of the highlights of the year was experienced when Classen Life Editor Sondra Robbins was granted the privilege to interview Alex Haley, author of "Roots." The staff did their best to prepare a pictorial account of the school year. The Orbit used the theme "Our Year 1981."

Although the job was difficult, the staff learned by trial and error. The yearbook was eventually produced with a new sponsor and staff.



Top Right: Photographers, Lea Ann Painter and Jesse Robbins
Right; First Row: Stephanie Moore, Lea Ann Painter, Cheryl Tappan, Lavertta Bailey, Vicki Wise. **Row 2:** Sheila Gutierrez, Beth Koczorowski, Sondra Robbins, Becky Wilhite, Rosilyn Mayberry, Catherine Morris. **Top Row:** Carmen Thompson, Mickey Medcalf, Jack Thompson, Claudette Wallace, Randy Giggers, Richard Mayberry, Cherry Plumer.





Top Left: Left to right, Jack Thompson, Zina Woolbright, Randy Giggers, and Richard Mayberry preparing a yearbook sales sign. **Top Right:** Sheila Gutierrez, Co-editor typing a 3-C copy sheet. **Center:** Victor Hopkins, Co-editor, working on a layout; Vicki Wise, Assistant Editor and Sondra Robbins, Editor of Classen Life posing for the photographer. **Left:** Sondra Robbins posing with Alex Haley, author of "Roots."

The Lively Ones

The Thespian Club, commonly known as the Classen Players, has been very active this year. Both advisors, Mrs. Jean Munde and Mrs. Darlene Griffin, committed themselves to raising funds by producing plays for the student body. Their first production was "Arsenic and Old Lace," which was considered a crowd pleaser. They also produced other plays, including "Wonderful Town" which was based on the musical "My Sister Elene" and "Johnny Appleseed." A skit performed during the Spring Sports Assembly delighted the students. The Thespians have been involved in activities throughout the year. They provided clown make-up services during "Spirit Week" and won first place in the mini-float competition. Some of the unique philanthropic activities were clown performances for the children at the Oklahoma City hockey games and the Clean Team Parade. Many of the Thespians participated in speech and drama tournaments throughout the year. The group is an interesting and lively one



Top Right: Mrs Jean Munde building a set for an upcoming production. **Above Top Row:** Mrs Darlene Griffin, Tony Wilkes, Suzanne Grose, Mike Panell, Sammy Crone, Jimmy Calhoun, Diane Buie, Laura Worthen, Dabney Oliphant, David Beckett, Charles Bradford, Andy Wilson, Mrs Jean Munde, Kevin Teague **Row 2:** Scott Wallace, Yvonne Hubert, Kamie Doud, Bill Stueve, Catherine Morris, Alica Wilhelm, Ursula Kelly, David Baxter, Dana Partin, John Dixon. **Front Row:** Terry Trail, Julie Curzio, Janet Chapman, Kim Bridges, Sabrina Mikuenski, Lisa Rusgrove, Darla Ferguson, Ronda Pierce.



Above Top Row: Rod Rogers, Sabrina Mikuenski, Terry Trail, Suzanne Grose, Andy Wilson, Scott Wallace, David Beckett, Mrs. Munde, Bella Sterling, Sherry Hinton, Angie Pierce. **Row 1:** Janet Chapman, Scott Payzant, Bill Stueve, Catherine Morris, Alecia Wilhelm, Ursela Kelly, Kim Bridges, Dana Partin. **Left:** Dana Partin putting her stagecraft expertise to work.

Foreign Language Clubs

The Foreign Language Clubs are very beneficial for bridging the gap between our neighbors. More than ever before, we realize the importance of understanding and developing relationships with other countries. To accomplish this, we must study their language and customs and they must study ours.

Mrs. June McKittrick, new to Classen, teaches French and Spanish. Latin is taught by Mrs. Annette Van Dusen.

Students are not only taught the basics of the languages, they are provided with excellent films and reference materials, and field trips relating to the customs of these countries.

Any student enrolled in French, Spanish or Latin may become a club member. These clubs provide the opportunity for a pleasurable learning experience.



French Club

Top Row: Ladonna Blanchard, Chris James, Rick Ehrheart, Van Nguyen, Thuey Nguyen. **Row 1:** Gerri Williams, Renee Richardson, Lavertta Bailey, Scott Payzant, Bella Sterling, Ursula Kelley, Cherri Plumer.



Latin Club

Top Row: Richard English, Kelly McDonald, Tony Trail, Dana Partin, Kari Shive, Karey McCoy, Mrs. Annette Van Dusen. **Row 1:** Karen Wolford, Terry Trail, Scott Wallace, Suzanne Grose, Rod Rogers, Michael Ivans, Kim Noblitt.



Spanish Club "Viva La France"

Top Row: Jerry Whitney, Tony Rios, J. Minden, J. Carroll, Pat Frank, M. Henzel, Lisa Cover. **Row 2:** T. Gates, D. Bedell, D. Griffet, M. Estrada, L. Courtney, S. Woodruff and A. Riley. **Row 1:** M. Avila, L. Estrada, J. Otis and L. Lopez.



Above: Mrs. Nguyet Nguyen's Bilingual class at work. **Top Right:** Mini-float presented by the French Club during "Spirit Week."

War Games, Chess Clubs

The Chess Club participated in numerous competitive events in order to provide its member with stimulating chessboard competition. They also sponsored fund-raising projects this year.

The club membership mushroomed this year; thirteen new memberships were acquired. The officers are: President, Bill Stueve; Vice-President, Chris Barten; Secretary, Tracy Anderson; Treasurer, Pete Delaney.

The War Games Club is new to Classen this year. It is unique in that the members use their

imagination to have fun. They play games such as Travelers, Dungeons and Dragons, and Ice Wars that are purely fantasy. The club also plays games which are called Historical Simulation games because the contents are related to the Civil War, and the World Wars.

Officers of the club are: President, Terry Banks; Vice-President, Robert Phy; Secretary, Bob O'Neal. Mr. Chesley A. Eason sponsors the Chess and War Games Clubs.



Chess Club

Top Row: Chris Barten, Scott Payzant. **Row 1:** Robert Fuller, Brad Cox, Bill Stueve, Pete Delaney and Robert Burow.



War Games

Top Row: Tim Williams, Paul Johnson. **Row 1:** Jerry Whitney, John Noblitt, Terry Banks, Robert Phy and Bob O'Neal

Boys, Girls O'clubs

It takes a great deal of hard work, fight and determination to earn a letter. Both boys and girls spend many hours working to earn the right to wear a letter jacket or sweater. You don't have to win to get into o'club, you just have to try your hardest and keep at it. Boys' and Girls' O'clubs are composed of students who have participated in any of the sports offered.

Both groups were active this year. The girls

sold Christmas candles during the month of December. The ones who sold the highest number of candles received personalized gym bags free of charge. They also sold candy to raise funds to purchase trophies for graduating seniors.

The Boys' O'club sponsored the "slave sale" in February to raise funds for the Athletic Department. They have scheduled other fund-raising activities for later in the school year.



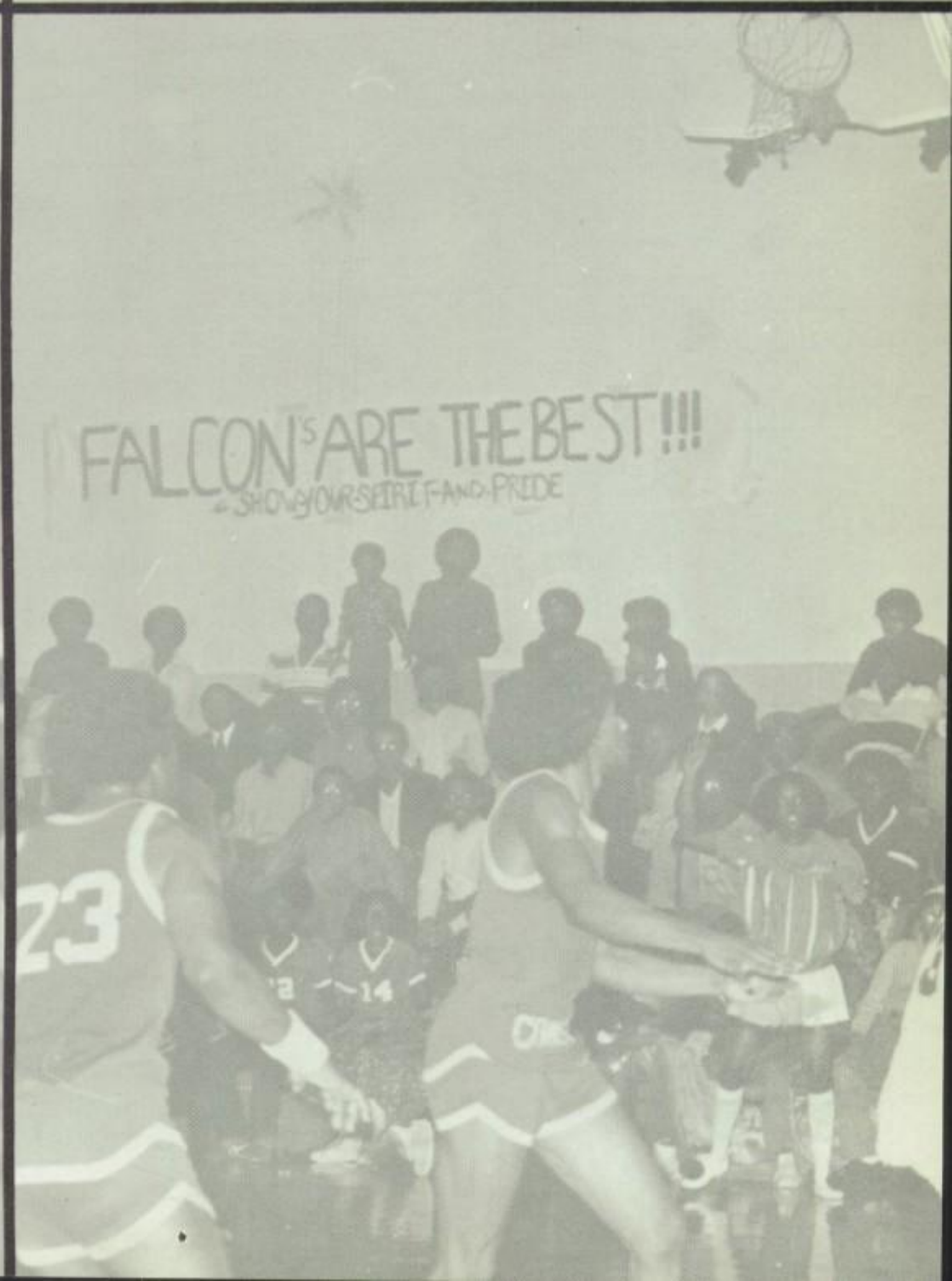
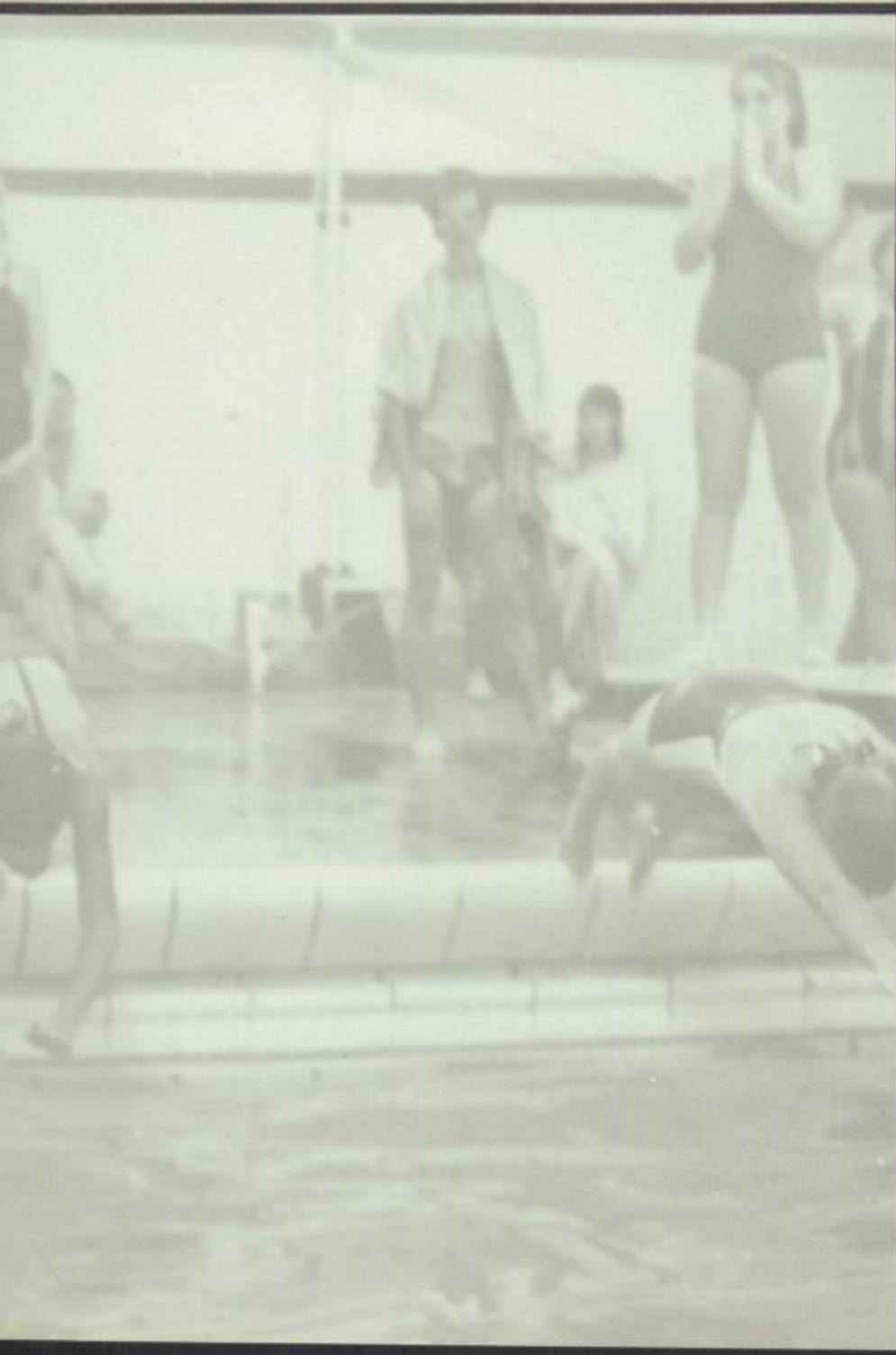
Top Row: Darrin Davis, Rober Fuller, Darrell Franklin, David Blair, Scott Payzant, Jesse Robbins, Paul Taylor, Kerry Mucker. **Row 2:** Jason Johnson, Bill Stueve, Steve Morgan, Kevin Reeves, David Lewis, John Sheets and Wendell Kelley.



Top Row: Dee Drake, Anita Martin, Connie Pickett, Yulanda Weatherall, Pat Frank, Visser Carter, Lisa Giendein, Avis Lofton, Tandra Hogan. **Row 2:** Cathy Alexander, Lisa Davis, Becky Wilhite, Michelle Grose, Lee Ann Wood, Kim Russell, Patricia Beckett, Terry Trail, Sabrina Mikuensky. **Row 3:** Sheila Gutierrez, Angie Nimsey, Angie Martin, Doris Arterburn, Gigi Payzant, Marquetta Pierson, Roxie Stevenson, Diane Bedell, Denise Bedell, and Anne Burow.

FOUR 1981 YEAR

Sports

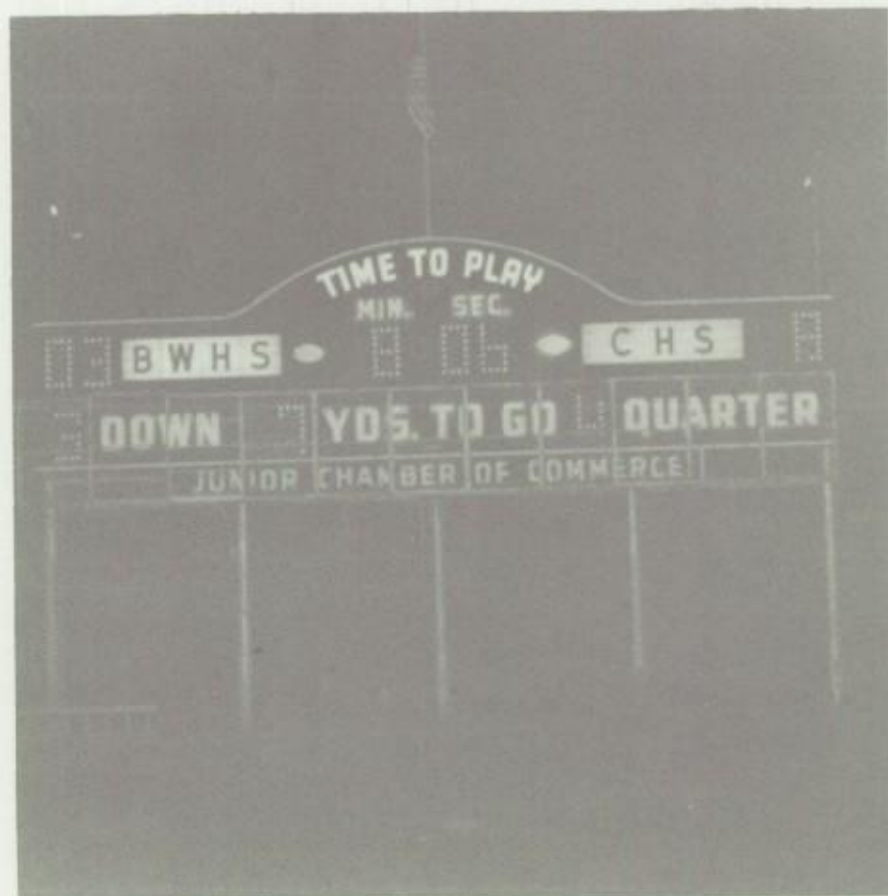


Football luck changes

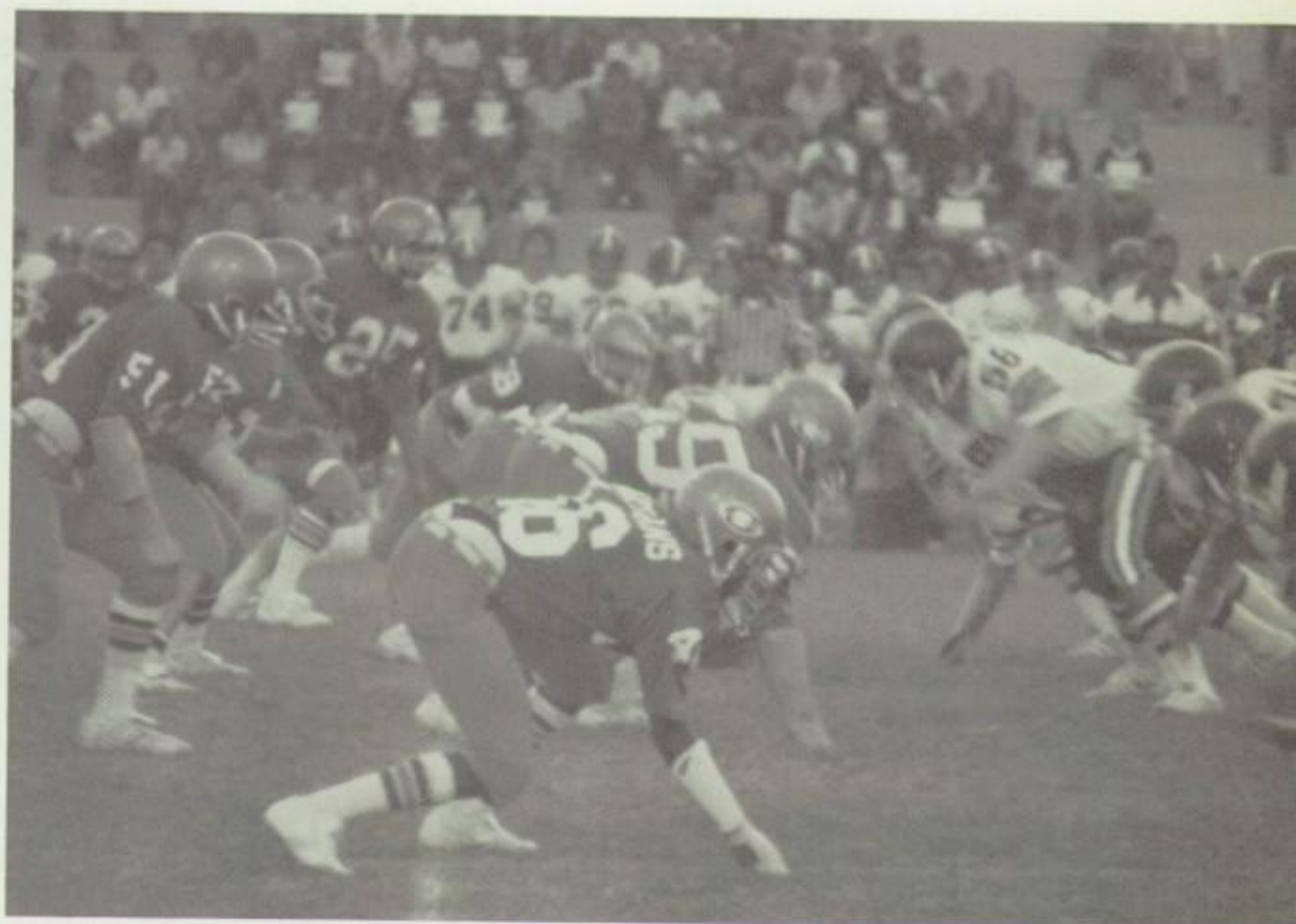
Breaking a long losing streak, the Classen Comets came through with a score of 8-3 over Blackwell High School.

The entire season was filled with traditional enthusiasm and action. Our football team deserves praise for their hard work and efforts.

Coaches Richard Nance and Gary Crane are very optimistic about next year's team. They feel certain that the returning lettermen have acquired the needed skills to excel in the sport.



From left to right (First Row): Leo Gates, Willie Hardimon, David Blair, Louie Dell, Rod Evans, Rick Medcalf, Mick Medcalf, William Murrow. (Second Row): Frankie Aguilar, Theodore Blackwell, Patrick Jeffreys, Curtis Danford, Terry Simpson, Bill Riley, David Thompson, Mark Danford. (Third Row): John Dixon, Lawrence Kirkendoll, Nathan Plunkett; Victor Hunter, Jessie Davis, Mitchell Noblett, Rick McIntosh. (Fourth Row): Charles Bradford, Tim Williams, Shawn Jones, Shawn Runnels, Marcus Elbert, Pat Pernell, John Nichols. (Fifth Row): Kenneth Vowter, Mike Pannell, David Packer, Antwyn Brown, Jerry Brown, Troy Cantrell. (Back Row): Robert Phy, Marcus Stewart, Aurthur Island, Eddie Davis, Mark Coyne, Pat Hunter, Oscar Garcia. (Standing Left): Richard Nance, Head Coach. (Standing Right): Gary Crane, Asst. Coach.



Football Record 1-10

CHS 8	Blackwell H.S.	3
CHS 14	Choctaw H.S.	36
CHS 8	Southeast	47
CHS 0	Crooked Oak	6
CHS 12	Capitol Hill H.S.	37
CHS 6	Duncan H.S.	30
CHS 0	Star-Spencer	32
CHS 12	Western Heights	30
CHS 12	Northwest	28
CHS 8	Douglass	48

Top left: Willie Hardimon headed for Comet territory.

Top right: Comet defense - Terry Simpson #46, Rod Evans #55, Eddie Davis #51, Hunter #25. **Far left:** David Blair #81 and Patrick Parnell in action. Above: Billy Murrow #22 blocking for the Comets.

Cagers having ups and downs

The Classen Varsity Basketball Basketball team, last year's defending 4A State Champs, started the season at a slow pace. They were defeated by Star-Spencer, Douglass, and Weatherford in the first three games of the season. The Comets won their next two games against Fairfax and Cleveland High Schools, thus bringing their record to 2-3.

After returning home, the Comets began playing the conference games. They defeated the cross-town rivals, Northeast High School. This win provided a tremendous boost for the team and fans. They also defeated Colbert High School, but chances of getting a shot at the area conference title were nil. The Comets defeated Capitol Hill High School in their last regular game of the 5-16 season.

The Comets will play Star-Spencer in the Regionals at Carl Albert High School. As of this writing, there is still a chance for the talented team to take the State Championship title.



Top Right: Randy Pickett 23, and Jason Johnson 11, goes up with Paul Clewis of Millwood. **Above:** Scott Payzant 13, goes up with a Northeast opponent. **Right:** Leo Gates 33, awaits a shot with teammate.



Top: Kerry Mucker goes to the **free throw** after being fouled by a Northeast Viking player. **Center Left:** Terry Pickett, 41 faces the Millwood opponent while Kerry Mucker, 44 looks on. **Above:** Randy Pickett 23, and Scott Payzant 13, blocks the lane for Tony Jackson of Northeast. **Left:** Comets converge on a Northeast Viking.

Lady Comets

The Varsity Basketball Team finished the regular season with an overall record of 2 and 10 and placed 7th in the Jenks Tournament. This record does not accurately reflect the spirit and determination with which the girls, under coach Darlene Reber, played throughout the season. Mrs. Reber is in her second year as head coach for the team.

The J.V. and freshmen teams made a very impressive showing this year. It is anticipated that they will make a fine addition to the Varsity squad next year, making the girl's basketball the sport to watch. These teams are coached by Mrs. Betty McCauley.

Returning Varsity players for next year are Avia Lofton, Tandra Hogan, Kathy Alexander, Anita Martin and Angie Williams.



Visher Carter (35) Carol Weatherall and an unidentified Comet (5) hustling for a rebound.



Varsity Squad, Left to Right: Dorothy Baker, Pat Frank, Cathy Alexander, Carol Weatherall, Visher Carter, Trevia Tillman, Kim Russell, Lee Ann Wood, Anita Martin, Roxie Stevenson, Angie Williams, Avis Lofton.



Girls Basketball team on the way up



Top: The girls basketball team on campus at Oral Roberts University, Tulsa, OK following the Jenks Tournament. **Left:** Visser Carter and Pat Frank anticipating a rebound. **Above:** Tandra Hogan (31) demonstrates the all-pro jump shot as Lee Ann Wood get into position for the rebound.

Soccer team wins championship

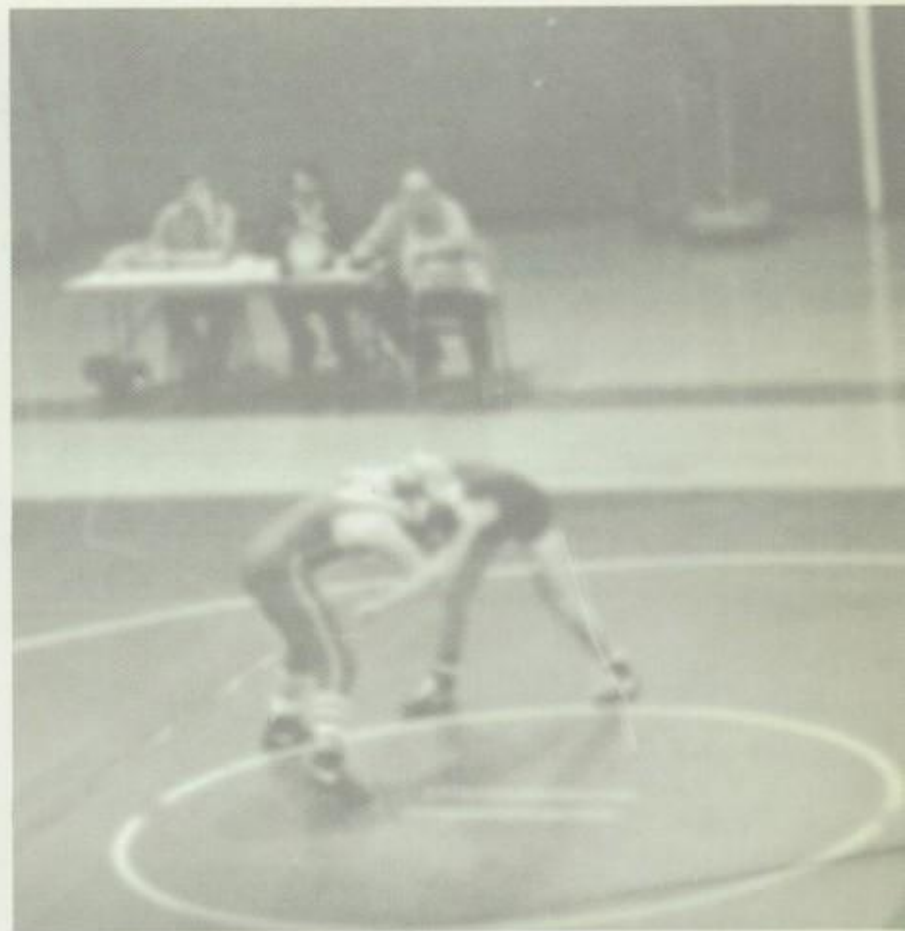
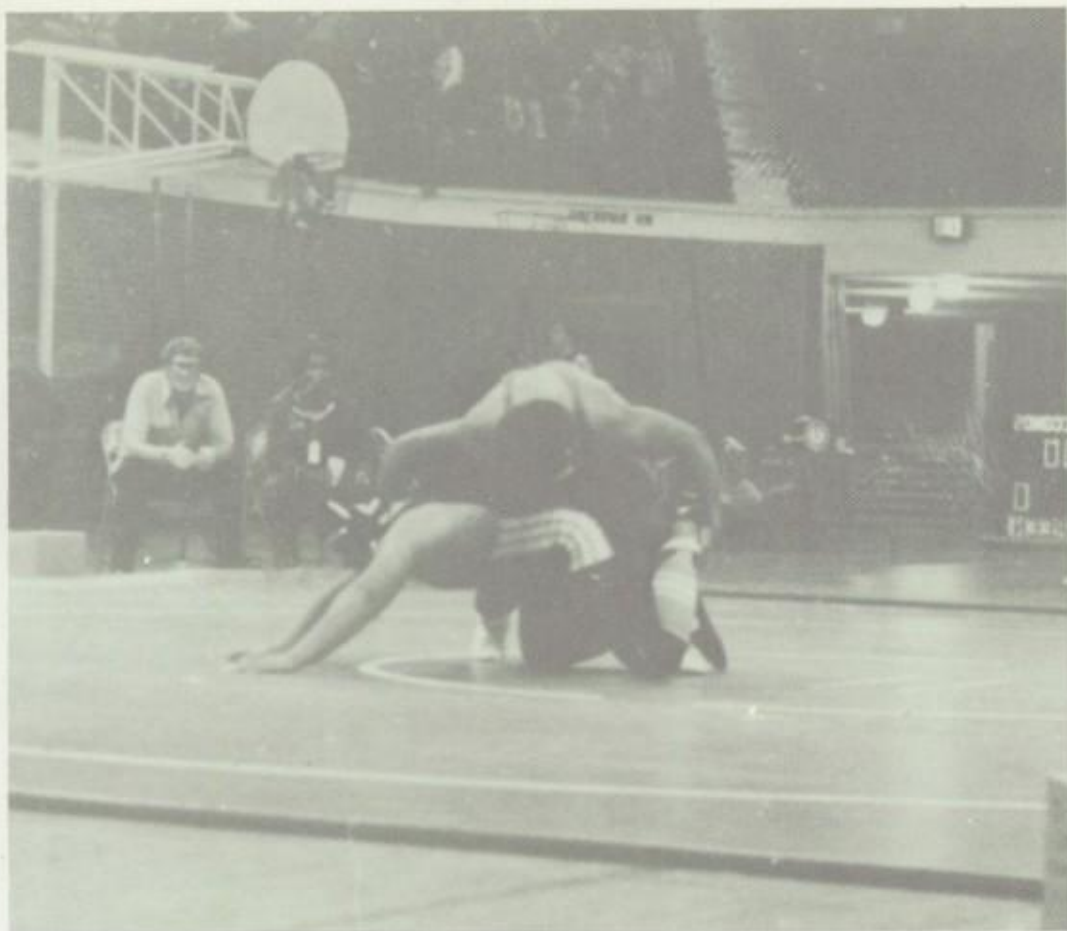
The Classen soccer team began the season with 18 Varsity players and a few J.V. players. Coached by Mr. James Mauldin, the team can boast of another record season.

The team won the Central Oklahoma Championship; the players were awarded trophies for their accomplishments. They went to Tulsa to play the Northeast Oklahoma champions for the state title and were defeated by the Jenks, Oklahoma team with a score of 4-1. The team is ranked second in the state with a 9-1 record.

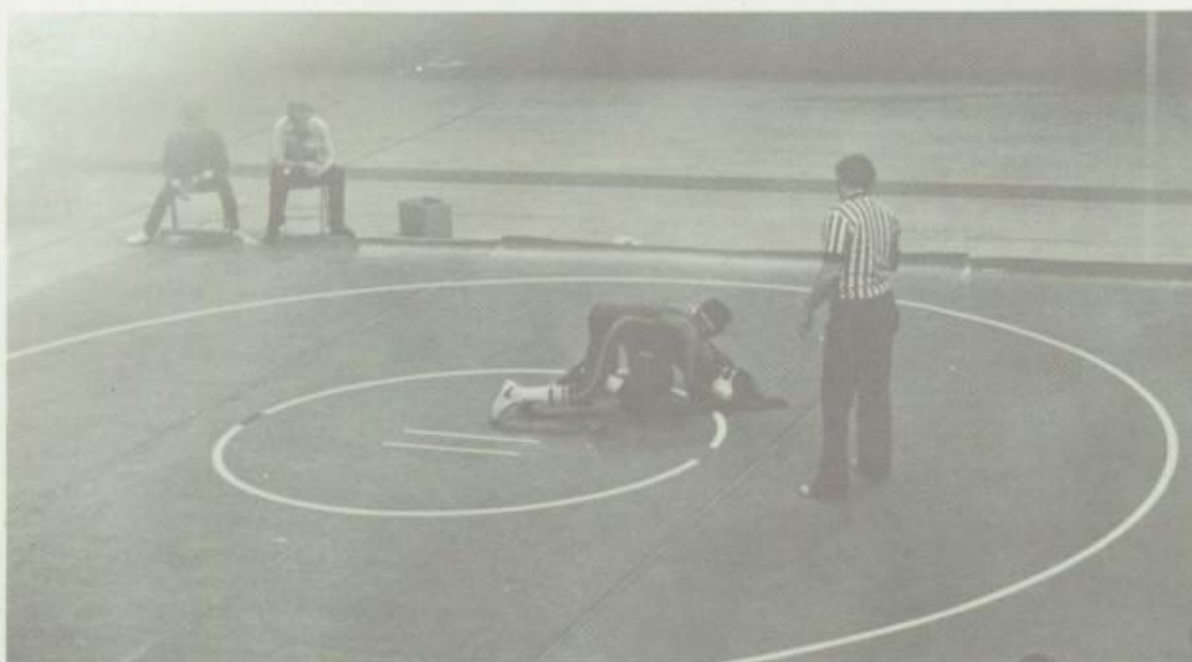


Above: Soccer team in action. **Right and Below:** Soccer team lines up to receive pre-game instructions from referee, Dr. Andy Sullivan, an orthopedic surgeon at Presbyterian Hospital. He volunteers to serve as a referee for the Frontier Country Soccer Association.





Action on the mat



This year six wrestlers (not enough to form a team) operated independently under the supervision of Coach Steve Stevenson. They were John Sheets, Victor Hopkins, Tim Williams, Gaylord Franklin, Tony Trail and Rod Evans.

These young men wrestled only at festivals and tournaments. They participated in the Choctaw Festival and the All-City, Carl Albert and Chickasha Wrestling Tournaments. John Sheets placed fifth in the Chickasha Tournament, and Rod Evans brought home a victory from the All-City Tournament.



Top Left: Rod Evans and Opponent.

Top Right: Tony Trail and Opponent.

Center Left: Tim Williams and Opponent. Left: Rod Evans and opponent.

The Tennis Racket

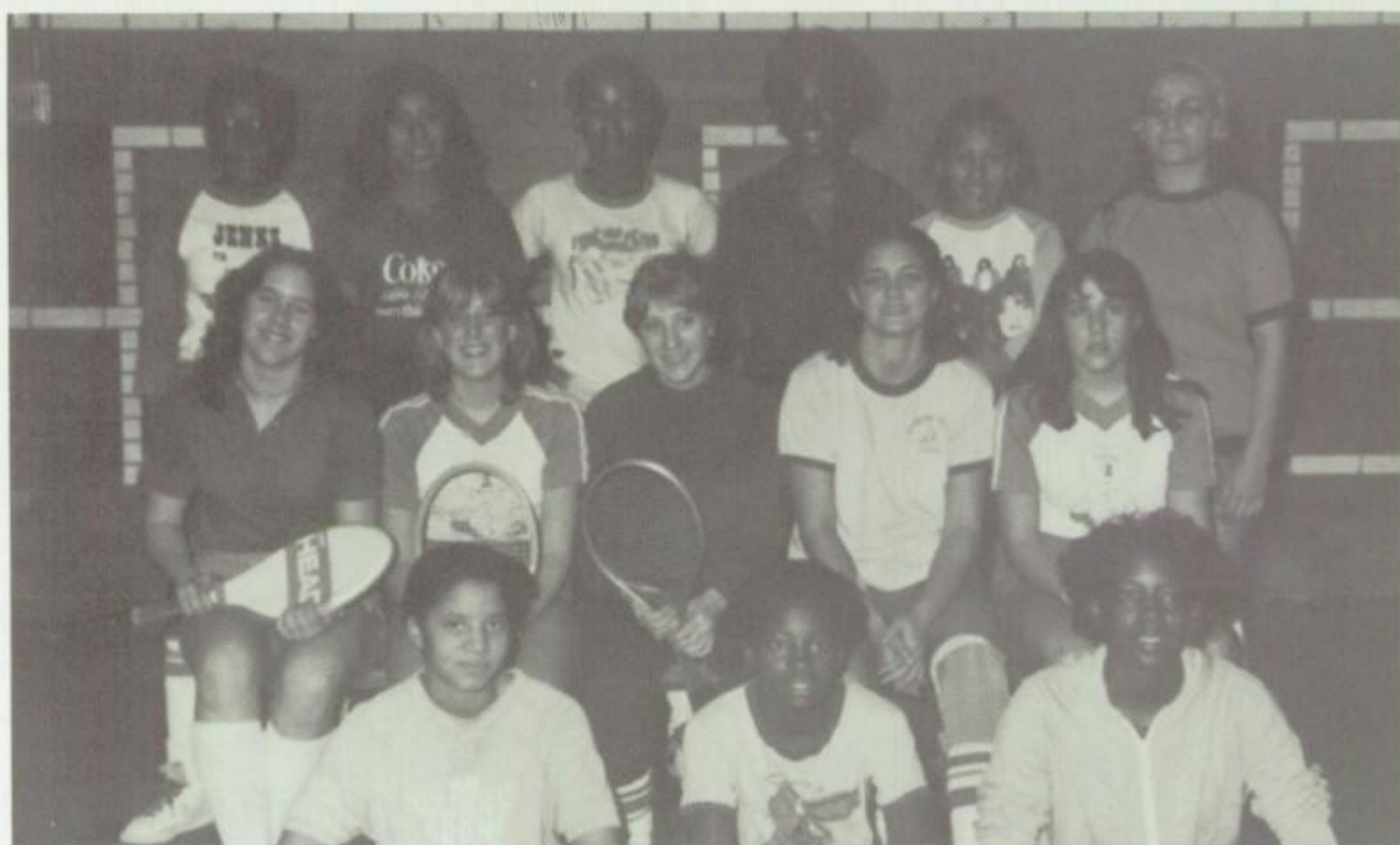
Our Comet tennis teams represents a larger number of participants than in prior years. A few returning players and lots of anxious beginners turned out for hard training.

Returning on the boys' team were Tim Williams, Danny Griffith, Vaughn Woody, Brad Cox, and Robert Burow. Victor Hopkins, a senior, is the only first year member on the team.

There were fifteen prospective players on the girls' team, five returning and ten novice players.

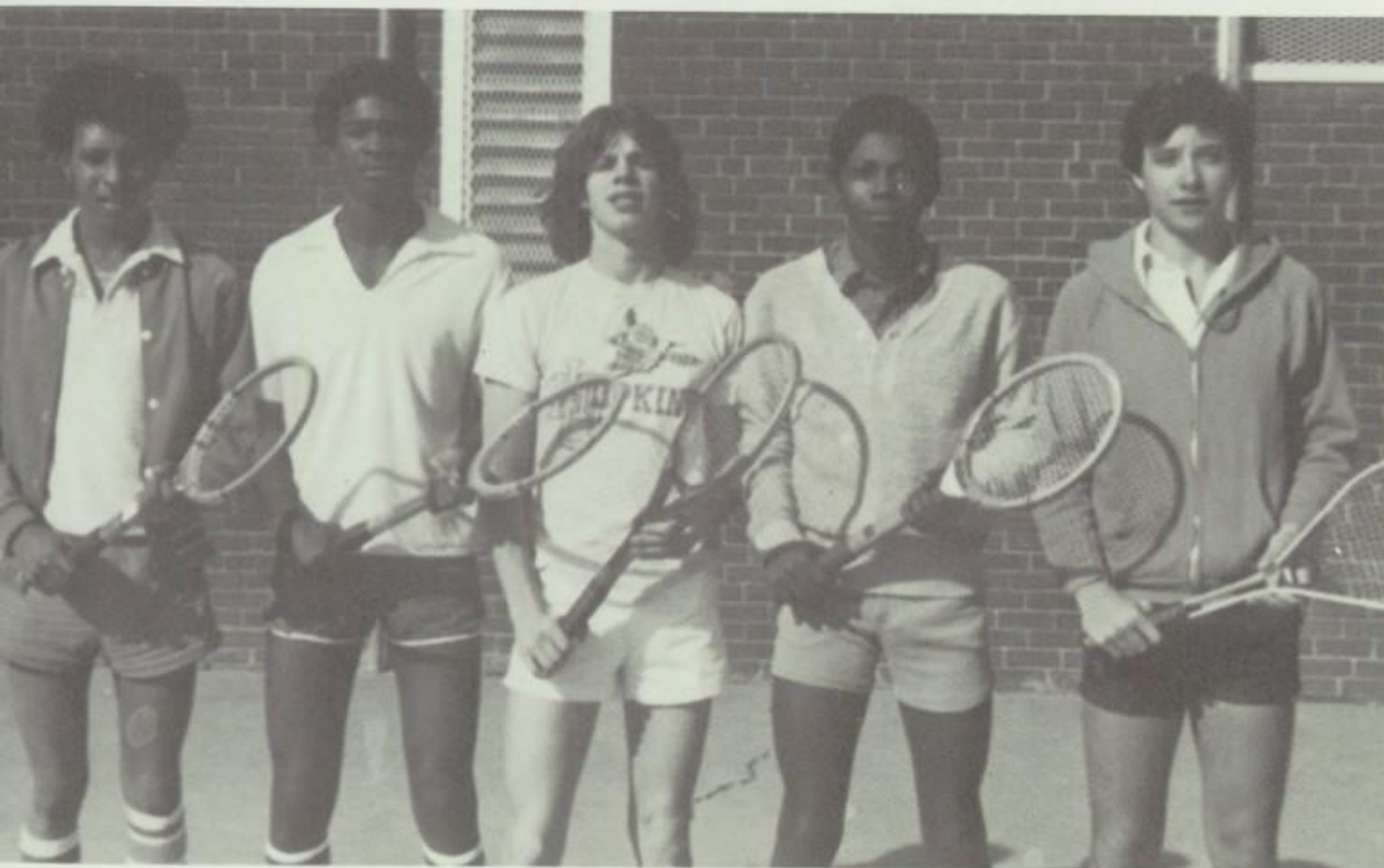
Returning girls were Sheila Gutierrez, Roxie Stevenson, Lee Ann Wood, Kathy Alexander, and Angela Nimsey. Novice players were Trevia Tillman, Terry Trail, Stephanie Goode, Lisa Geindein, Lisa Washington, Paula Cox, Michelle Gross, Linda Dixon, and Anna Dufberg.

Both teams must exhibit loyalty, dependability and the willingness to diligently train in order to make possible a successful season.



Top Right: Girls' Team: **Top Row:** Kathy Alexander, Sheila Gutierrez, Roxie Stevenson, Trevia Tillman, Angela Nimsey, and Terry Trail. **Row 2:** Lisa Geindein, Paula Cox, Anna Dufberg, Lee Ann Wood, Michelle Gross. **Row 1:** Stephanie Goode, Linda Dixon, and Lisa Washington. **Right: Girls' Varsity Top Row:** Kathy Alexander, Angela Nimsey. **Row 1:** Sheila Gutierrez, Roxie Stevenson and Lee Ann Wood.





Left: Boys' Tennis - Victor Hopkins, Tim Williams, Robert Burrow, Vaughn Woody, Danny Griffith and Brad Cox (photo not available). Below: Robert Burrow and Victor Hopkins sharpening their skills.



Swimmers take fourth in conference meet

The Comet swimmers, coached by Mr. Frank Tefertiller brought home 21 medals this year. The teams were small and there were problems with getting the practice they needed, but all fared quite well in competition.

Michelle Grose, Lisa Geindein, Thea Delaney, and Gina Bruno won 4th place in the 400 yard freestyle relay of the All-City meet. Denise Bedell won 4th place in the backstroke event.

The boys had two 2nd and three 3rd place winners in the Capitol Conference Meet. Louie Dell placed 2nd in the 100 yard butterfly. Charlie Ivins and Pete Delaney placed 3rd in the 50 yard event. In the 100 yard brush stroke event, John Minden and Michael Ivins won 2nd and 3rd place respectively. The swimmers won 4th place on team standings.

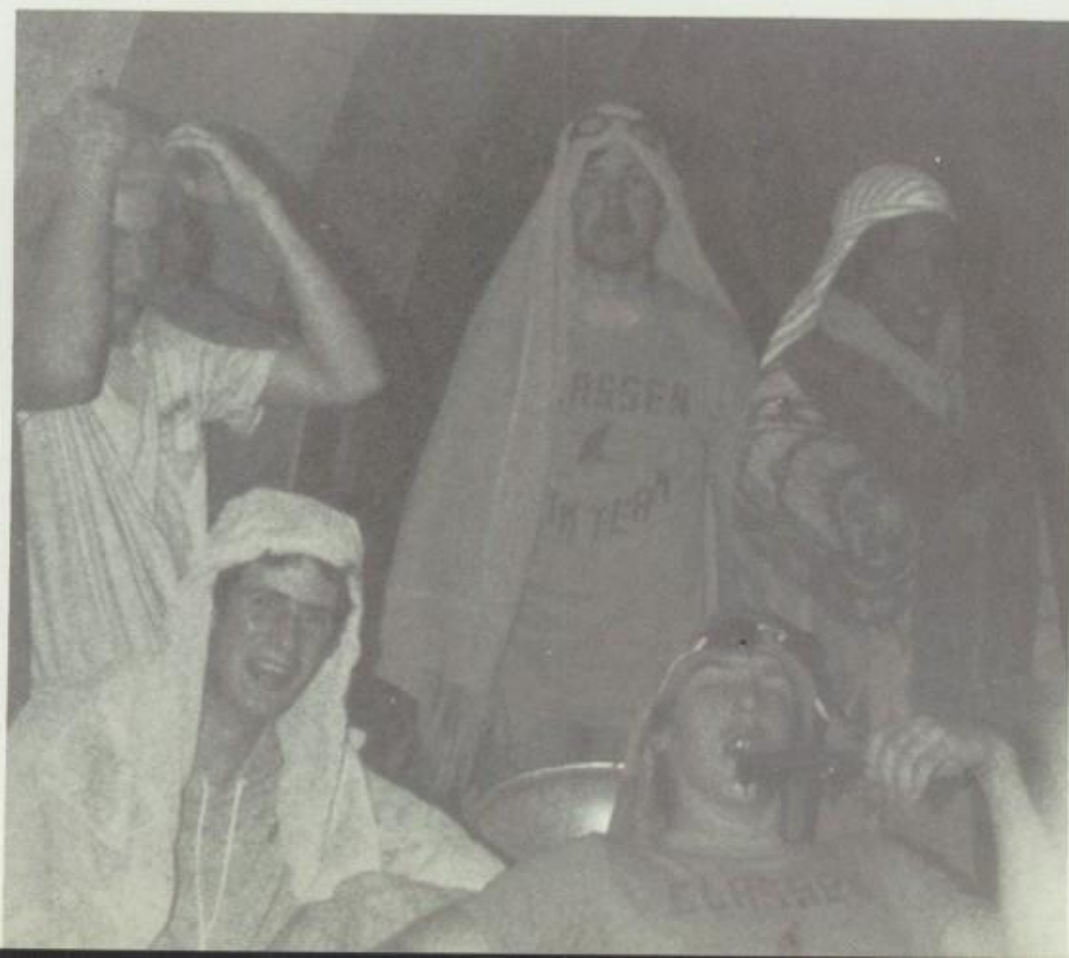
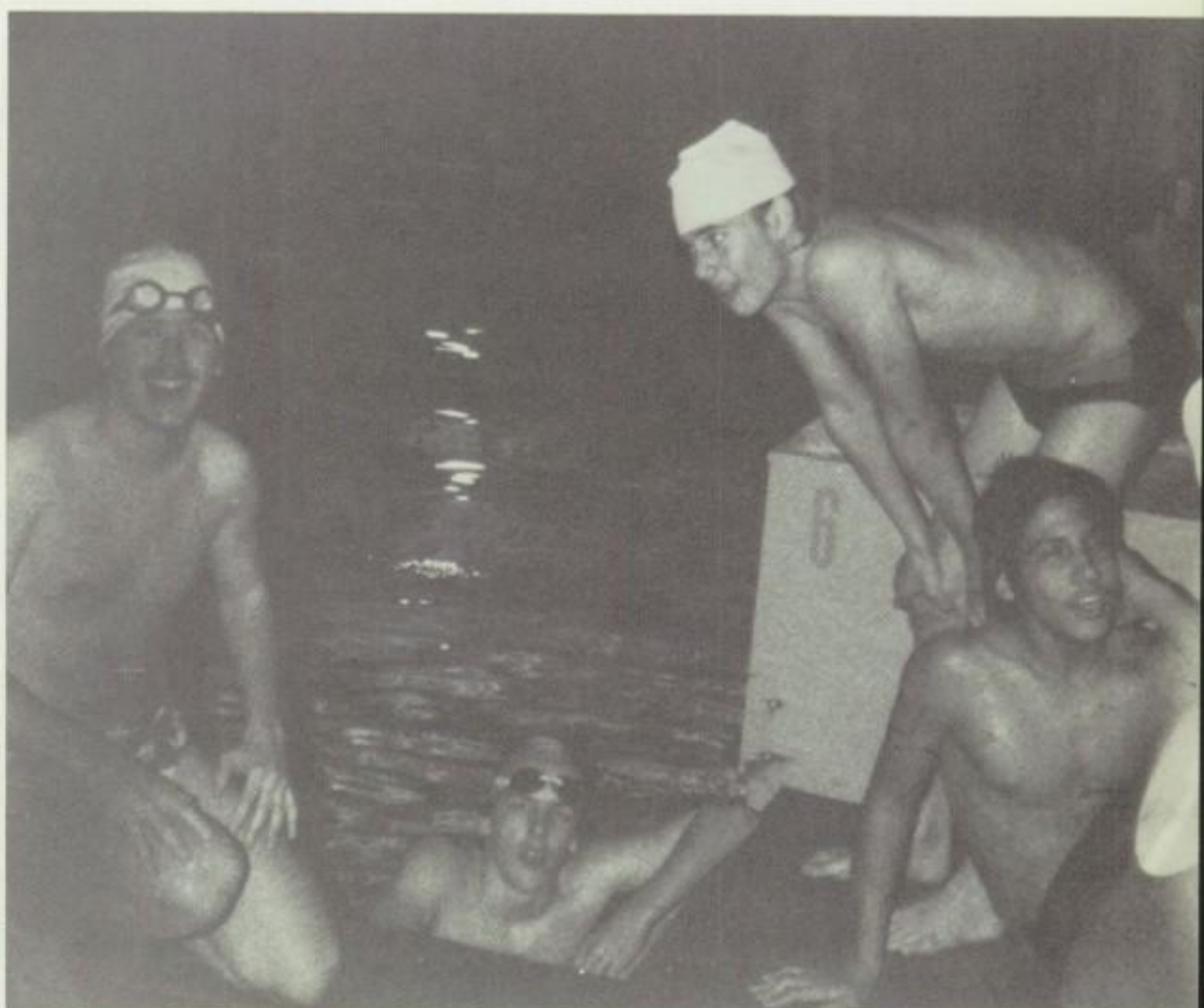


Above: Coach "T" and Gina Bruno after a strenuous practice session. **Above Right:** Swimmers waiting their turn to dive in. **Right:** Karen Wolford comes up for air.





Left: D. Bedell competing in the backstroke event. **Left Center:** Mike Ivins and Pete Delaney posing for the photographer. **Right Center:** John Minden, Pete Delaney and Tony Rios enjoying a poolside break. **Below:** Group mixing pleasure and competition.



Softball team wins third All-City

Softball Record 4-8

CHS	1	Grant High School	11
CHS	22	John Marshall H.S.	20
CHS	5	Star-Spencer H.S.	2
CHS	4	Capitol Hill H.S.	6
CHS	4	Douglass H.S.	8
CHS	7	Northwest H.S.	12
CHS	1	Southeast H.S.	7
CHS	14	Northwest H.S.	15
CHS	19	Capitol Hill H.S.	16
CHS	19	Grant High School	11
CHS	1	Douglass H.S.	7
CHS	2		5

Long hours of practice at the beginning of the school year apparently paid off for Coach Darlene Reber and the softball team. They experienced a few disappointments at the beginning of the season having lost their first two games.

The girls regrouped and bounced back by defeating Star-Spencer, Northwest and Capitol Hill. The season ended on a happy note. The girls placed third in the all-city playoffs.

The starting team consisted of Cathy Alexander, pitcher; Pam Boyd, short field; Terry Trail, left field; Anita Martin, catcher; Rhonda Pierce, right field; Florence Viney, center field and Lee Ann Wood, short stop.

Probable starters were Doris Aterburn, Patrica Beckett, Angie Martin, Roxie Stevenson and Becky Wilhite. The season's leading hitters were Anita Martin, Pam Boyd, and Lee Ann Wood.



Top Row: Regina Murrow, Evelyn Lyons, Florence Viney, Anita Martin, Roxie Stevenson. **Row 2:** Gina Bruno, Pam Boyd, Doris Aterburn, Lisa Davis, Dee Drake. **Row 3:** Terry Trail, Patrica Beckett, Angie Martin, Rhonda Pierce, Angela Nimsey, Lisa Geindein. **Row 1:** Virginia Payzant, Michelle Grose, Lee Ann Wood, Becky Wilhite and Cathy Alexander.

Cross Country

1980-81 was a rebuilding year for the Boys' Cross Country team coached by Mrs. Betty McCauley and Mr. Frank Tefertiller. The only returning letterman was Jerry Valle, a top runner. Both coaches agree that the boys' will be back in Conference competition next year.

The Girls' Cross Country team, coached by Ms. Gail Simmons, had a very successful year. They started the season by winning the Lake Overholster Meet. Top honors for the 9th and 10 grade events of that Meet went to Diana and Denise Bedell respectively and to Kim Russell for the 12th grade event.

The girls participated in the Regional Meet in Norman, Oklahoma on October 31, 1980. Denise Bedell and Kim Russell placed in the top 20 which qualified them to participate in the State Meet.

The State Meet was held at Oral Roberts University in Tulsa, Oklahoma on November 8. Kim Russell came in 5th with a time of 13.7 for two miles. She qualified for All-State and is a first for Classen High School. Diane Bedell came in 11th, out of more than 70 participants in the race, with a time of 13.27.



Top Row: Danny Griffith, Louis Estrada, Tony Rios, Michael Ivins, Terry Permenter, Anthony Wallace. **Row 2:** Kim Russell, Sabrina Mikuenski, Diane Bedell, Denise Bedell, Anne Burow, Theresa Walker.

QUINCY 1981 YEAR

Administration

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Board Of Education

The Board of Education for Oklahoma City Public Schools is one of the most vital parts of our system.

All decisions affecting Oklahoma City schools are made by the Board whose seven members are elected by school patrons.

Headed by Dr. Thomas Payzant, the School Board was faced with a myriad of decisions this year, including the controversial school closings issue. Board members serve without pay and are dedicated to the task of providing a well-rounded education for the young people of Oklahoma City.

Top Right: Dr. Thomas Payzant, Superintendent,
Below Left: Mrs. Jean Brody, District #1 **Below**
Right: Dr. Armond Start, District #2





Top Left; Mrs. Betty Hill, District #3
Top Right: Mrs. Susan Hermes, District #4
Center Left: Mr. Hurlon Dulan, District #5
Above: Dr. Delbert Hamm, President, District #6
Left: Mr. Floyd Donworth, District #7

Dr. Sally R. Cole Completes Third Year . . .

Classen is under the direction of Dr. Sally R. Cole, now in her third year as principal. Dr. Cole is very devoted and dedicated to her job, the faculty, and the student body. Her concern for others and the welfare of the school has won for her the respect and admiration of all Comets. Many students have expressed the opinion that Dr. Cole is more than a principal, she's a friend.

Mr. Robert McCain, new to Classen, started the year with a great deal of enthusiasm and ambition and has kept hold of them throughout the year. Mr. McCain, a former U.S. Grant Vice-Principal and counselor, is in charge of curriculum and scheduling. Mr. Ted Lewis, a former Southeast High School Vice-Principal, has been at Classen for two years. He coordinates locker assignments and is in charge of discipline. Mr. Lewis covers a wide territory during the course of a day but he always maintains a pleasant disposition.



Above: Hearing Impaired students surprised Dr. Cole on her birthday with two beautiful floral arrangements.

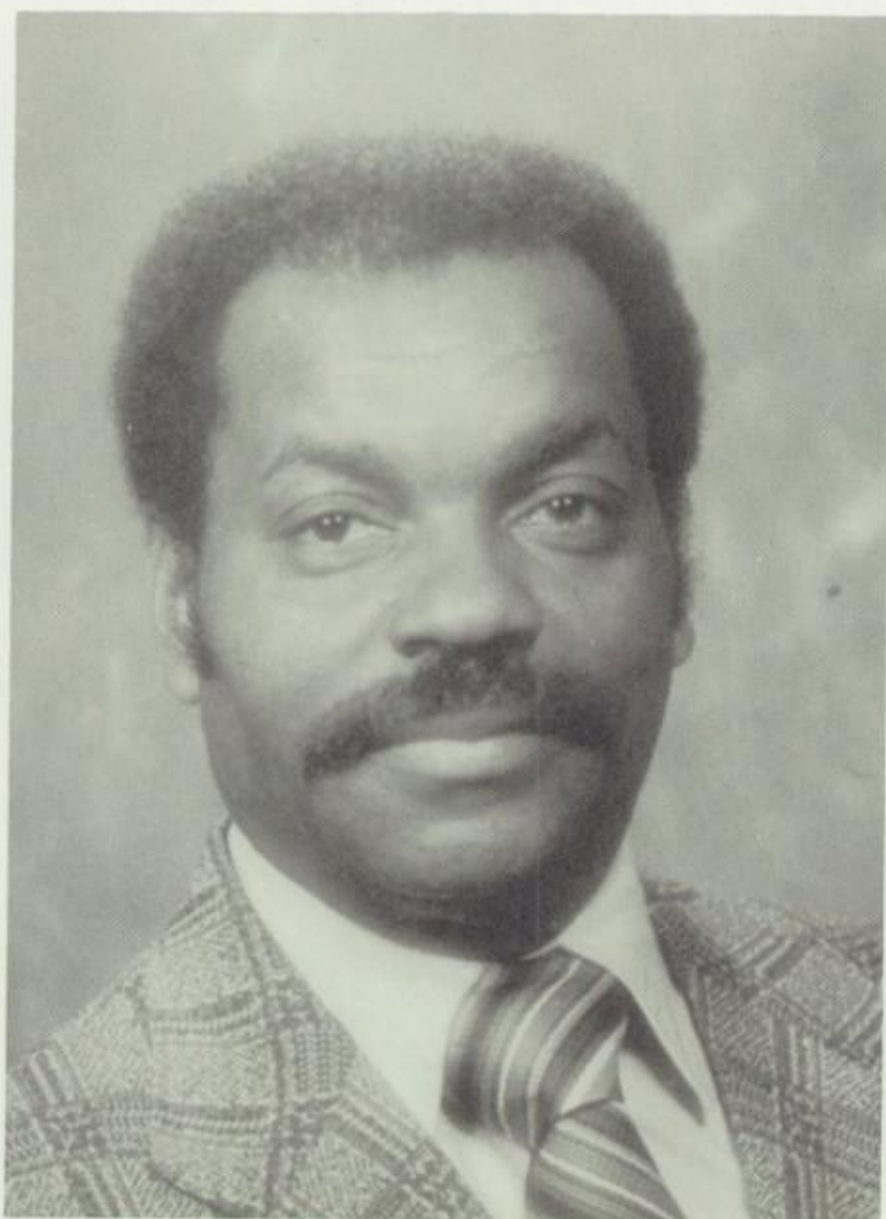
Two Vice-Principals Lend Assistance



Mr. Ted Lewis



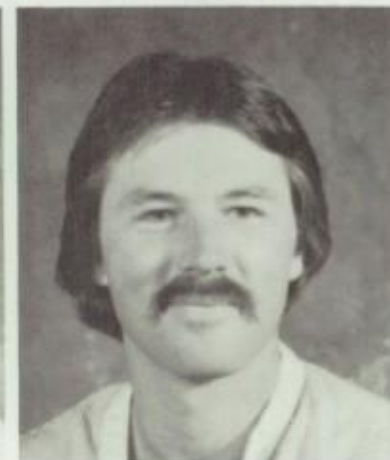
Mr. Robert McCain



Mr. Frank Baker
Electronics
Mrs. Lula Brooks
Licensed Custodian
Mrs. Mary Bryant
Attendance Secretary
Mrs. Iola Burris
Attendance Secretary



Mrs. Velma Cambor
COE, Awards
Mr. Tran Van Can
Vietnamese Advisor
Mr. Willie Case
Woodwork
Mr. Gary Crane
Resource, Coach



Students have choices

Courses are offered at all levels, from very basic beginning art to ceramics and sculpture for the more able and daring.

The Classen College Preparatory Program was integrated into the curriculum this year to provide a traditional college preparatory alternative for students who strongly desire academic excellence.

Business courses at Classen provide training for jobs. Cooperative Office Education is offered to students who want to earn while they learn. The on-the-job training received by COE students can count towards high school credits.



Tim Williams and Richard English prepares to mix clay as Mr. Keeler looks on.

Ms. Cheryl Dobbs
Hearing Impaired
Mr. Chesley Eason
Language Arts
Mr. Judy Evans
Special Education



Teachers Are Supportive Of Students, Activities



The conscientious help and guidance given students by the faculty at Classen will endure for many years to come. They have not only given students instruction and advice during class periods, but also have been supportive in the many organizations and extra-curricular activities.

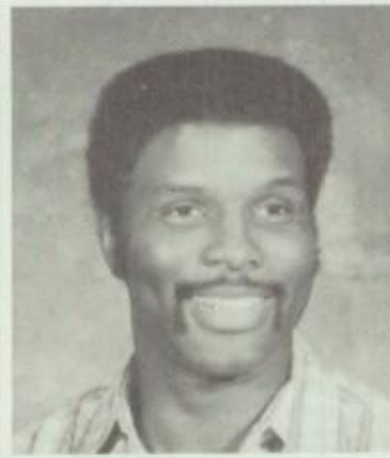


Top Left: Ms. L. Tarbox keeping a watchful eye on Life Lab activities. **Left:** Mrs. A. Jackson assisting Sondra Robbins with margin settings. **Above:** Janet Hester gets help from Mr. D. Johnson.

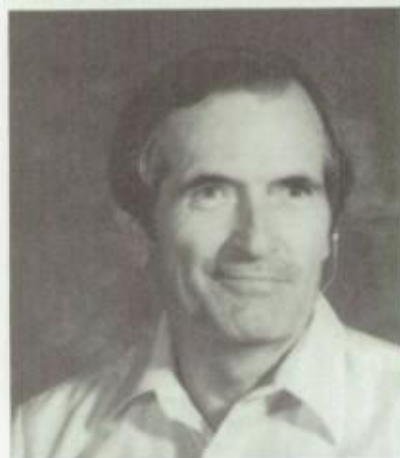
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Trade



Home Ec provides training for home and community services

Below: Ms. Paula LeMaster (center) teaching Cecelia Mitchell (left) and Jeri Reinger (right) perfect pie techniques. **Right:** Mrs. Della Shirley adjusting the sewing for Anita Martinez.



Mrs. June McKittrick
Foreign Languages
Ms. Beverly Larkin
Attendance Clerk
Ms. Paula LeMaster
CVET/Home and
Community
Services
Mrs. Betty McCauley
Math, CVET Basic
Math

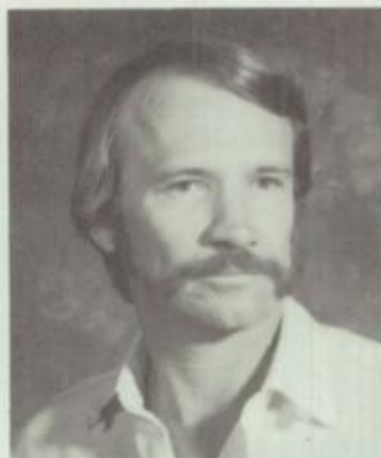


Mr. Don McDaniels
Safety
Mrs. Sarah McKinney
General Business/
Journalism, Yearbook
Mr. James Mauldin
Science, Coach
Mrs. Jan Morgan
Hearing Impaired

Mrs. Margie Murray
Bilingual Aide
Mr. Richard Nance
Physical Education,
Coach
Mrs. Nguyet Nguyen
Language Arts, ESL
Ms. Freda O'Neal
Counselor



Mrs. Francis Parman
Developmental
Reading
Mrs. Diane Payton
Vocational Counselor
Mr. Paul Preston
Special Education
Mrs. Pat Pyle
Financial Secretary



Mrs. Darlene Reber
Physical Education
Coach
Mrs. Marjorie Reynolds
Registrar
Mrs. Julia Robinson
Nurse
Ms. Madeline Rose
Social Studies



Ms. Freda O'Neal, Counselor, takes time from her busy schedule to pose for the yearbook photographer.



Mr. Roy Hardmond assisting Anthony Wallace with his reading assignment.



Top Left: Mr. Don Fleet showing Science class a film strip. **Above:** Ms. Cheryl Dobbs, Hearing Impaired teacher, has Stephanie Caston's undivided attention. **Left:** Mrs. Eunice Farbes explaining the A, B, C's and X, Y, Z's of Math.

Library

The school library is well equipped with up-to-date books, encyclopedias and some of the latest hardware. Last year an IBM computer terminal with the Discover Program, a college and career program, was installed.

Mrs. Barbara Frisk, Librarian, and Mrs. Irene Trail, Library Clerk, are in charge of the library. Some of the many daily duties they perform are maintaining records, checking out books, demonstrating proper usage of the computer terminal for students and teachers and managing a viewing room for videotaped programs. They also coordinated the RIF (Reading is Fundamental) program at Classen that was a tremendous success. More than 2,000 books were made available to students over three distribution periods.

The success of the library can be attributed to Mrs. Frisk and Mrs. Trail. They are always willing to lend assistance when it was needed despite their heavy workloads.



Top Right: Mrs. Irene Trail keeping records during RIF distribution. Above: Mrs. Barbara Frisk teaching Stephanie Moore how to use the computer terminal.



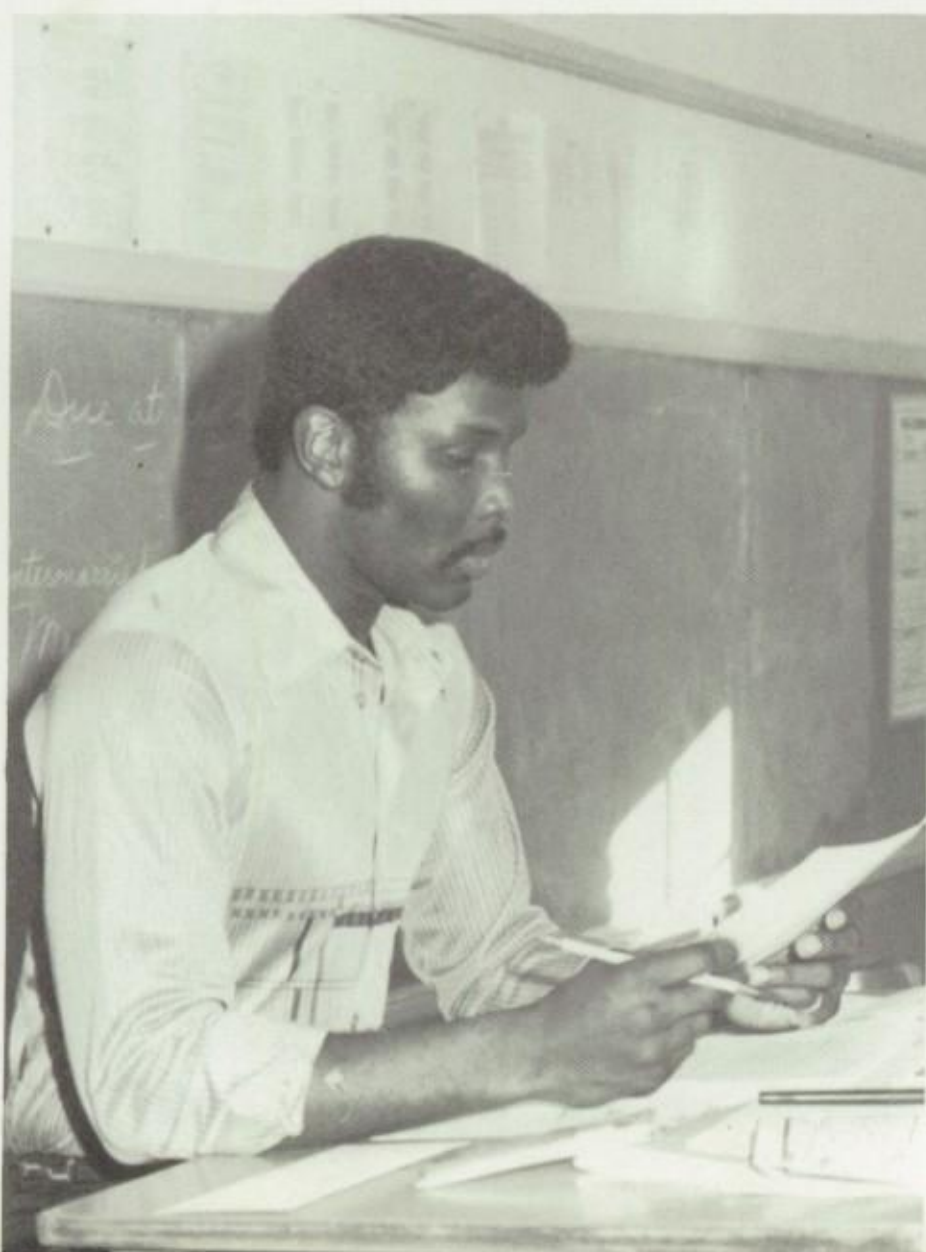
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Special Education
Mr. Perry Scott
Head Custodian
Mrs. Della Shirley
Home Economics
Ms. Gail Simmons
Activities Director
Girls' Cross Country



Mrs. Roena Smith
Language Arts
Ms. Frances Stevenson
Custodian
Ms. LuAnn Tarbox
Science
Mr. Frank Tefertiller
Special Education
Cross Country, Track



Mrs. Irene Trail
Library Clerk
Mrs. Pat Tremain
Indian Education
Advisor
Mrs. Annette R. Van Dusen
Latin, Humanities
Mrs. Earlean Walker
Math



Left: Mr. Tommy Griffin catching up on paperwork. **Above:** Donna Pernell and Manichanh Southaphon concentrating on assignment.

OUR 1981 YEAR

Seniors

Breaking Away

When the school year began, everyone was excited, but no one was more thrilled than the Senior Class of 1981. Being a Senior was very difficult. At times, there was that ever present need to feel grown-up mixed with the sudden fear of things to come.

Early in the year plans were being made to bid farewell to an all-too familiar setting. Of course, with all the planning, there was still time to do all the things that were expected of typical high school Seniors. They attended school functions, went to dances and parties, frequented the favorite eating spots. Ah, those were the good times!

And then came spring — Senioritis had taken hold. All anxiously awaited the day when their diploma was in hand so each could go out and find his niche in society.



Senior Class Officers: Left to Right Diana Jones, President; Coletta Watta, Vice-President; Annette Johnson, Secretary; Gina Washington, Treasurer.



Karen Alexander



Tracy Anderson



Lavertta Bailey



Linda Beatty



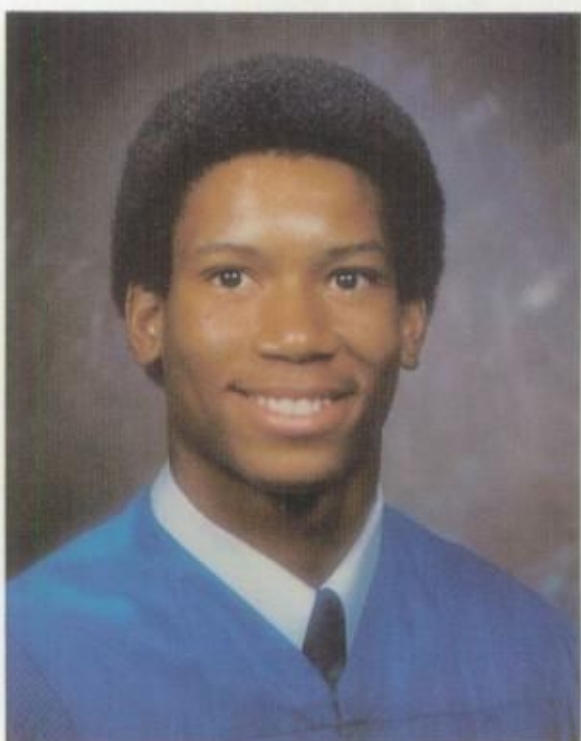
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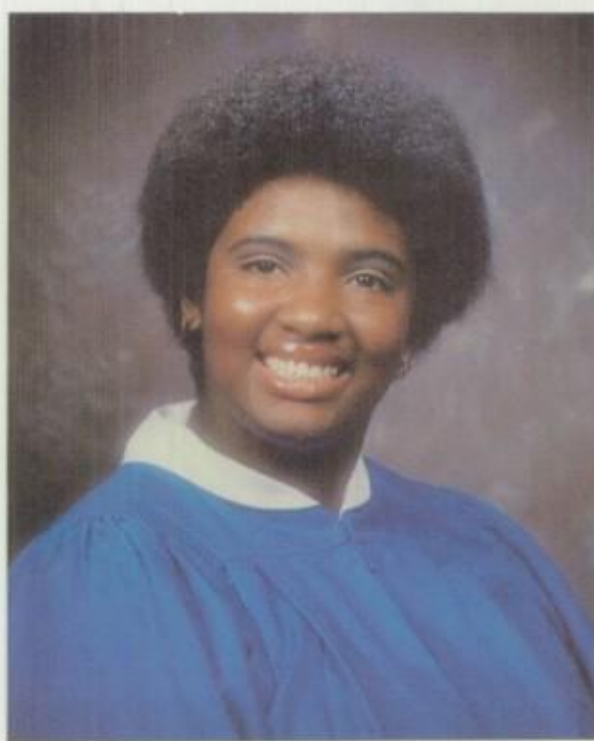
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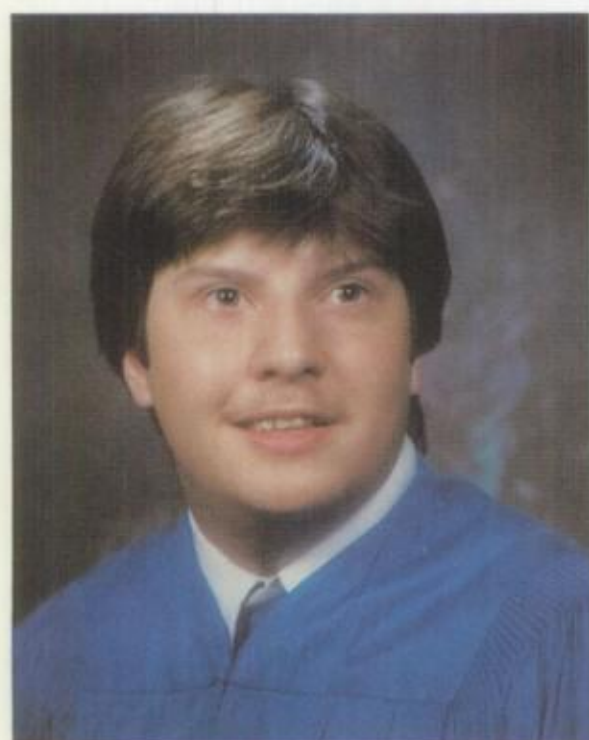
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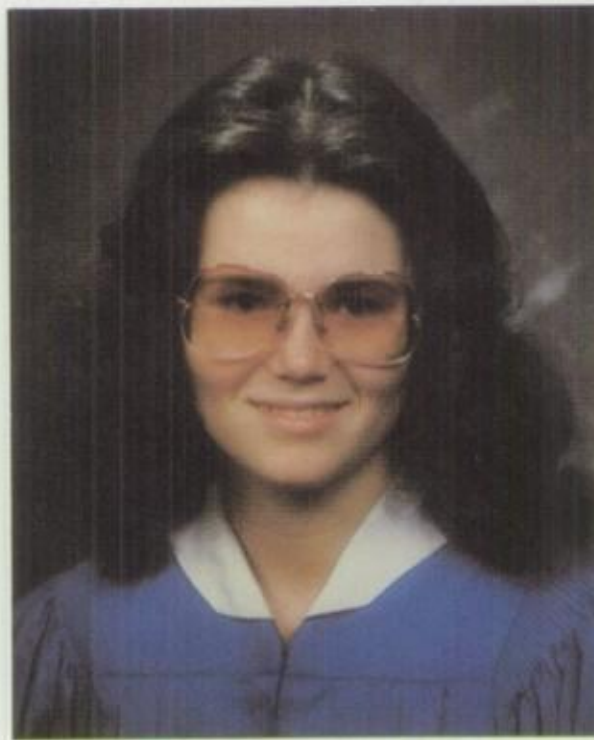
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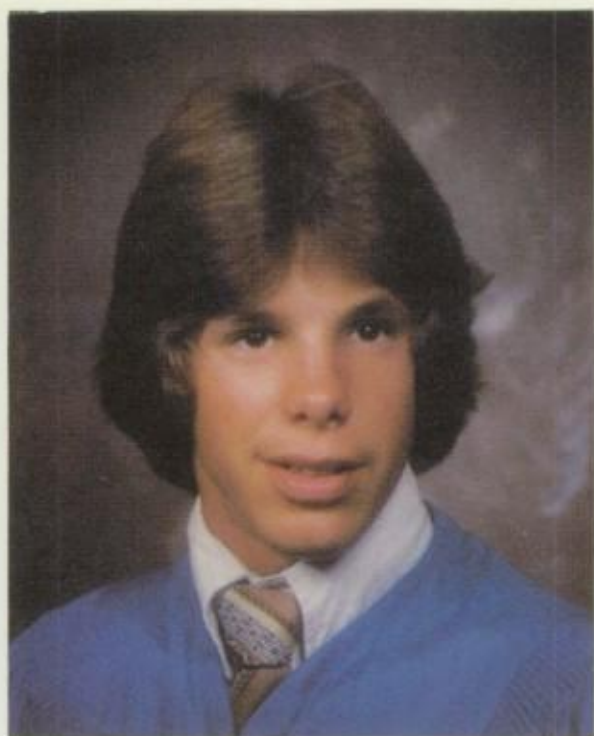
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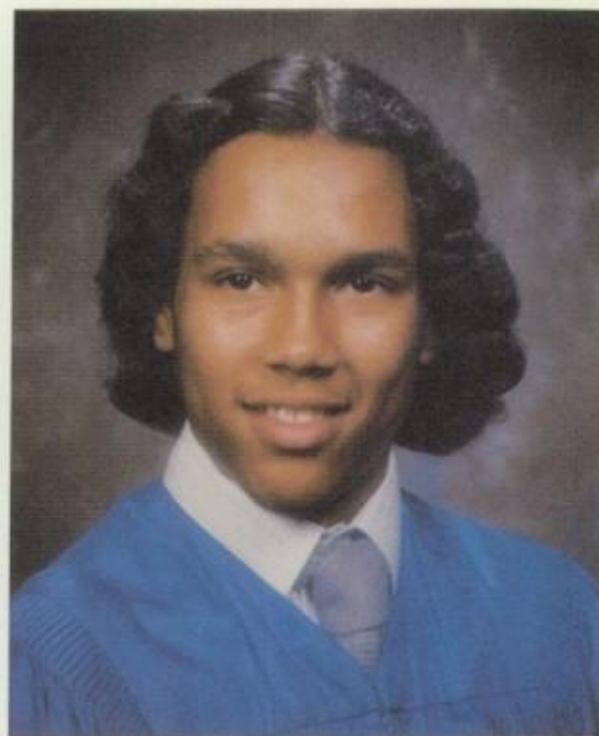
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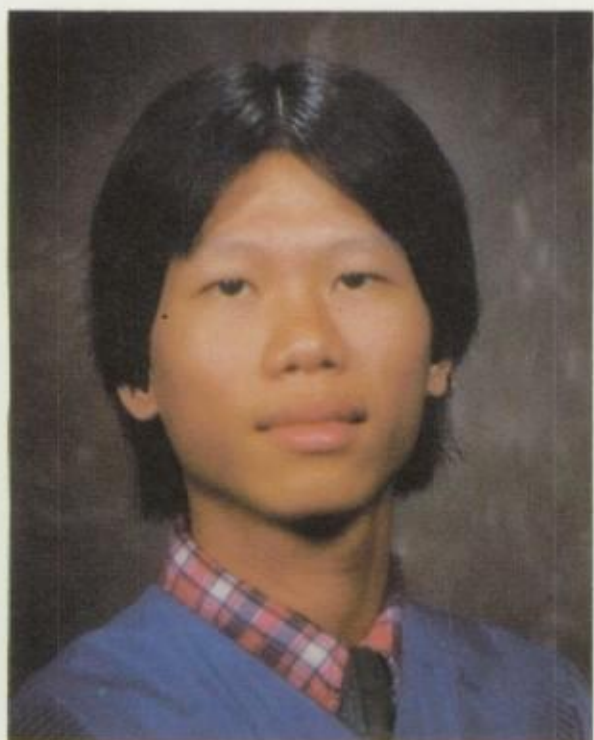
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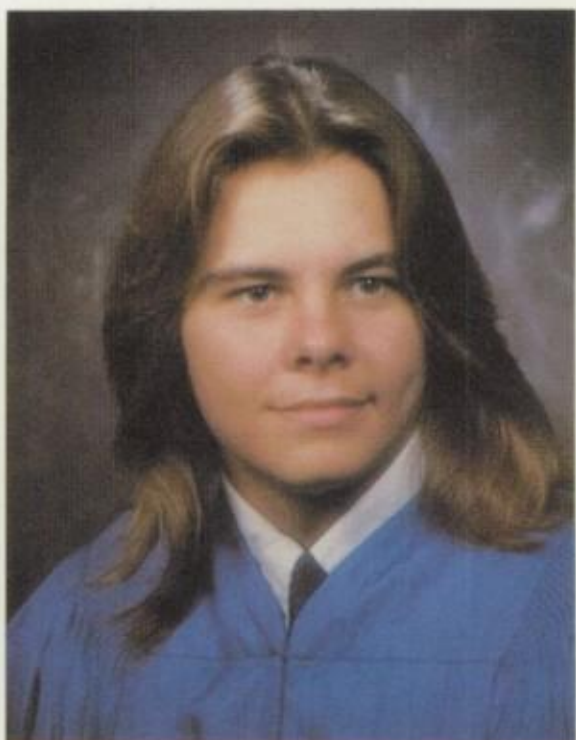
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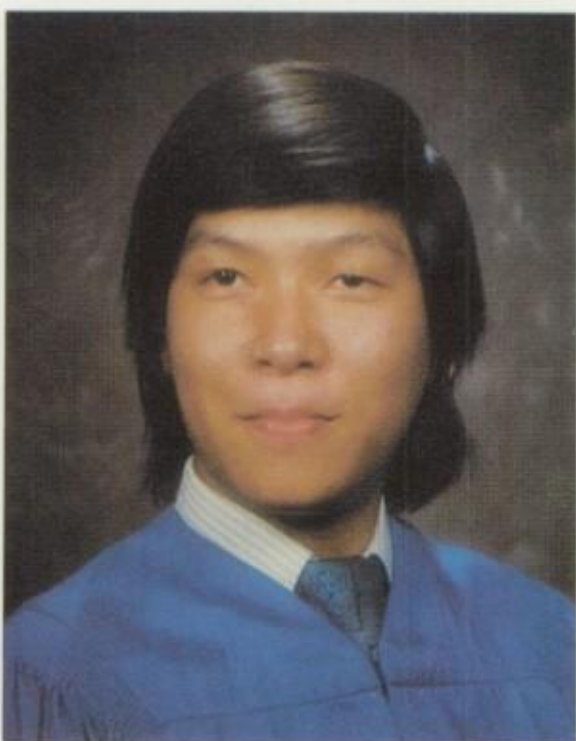
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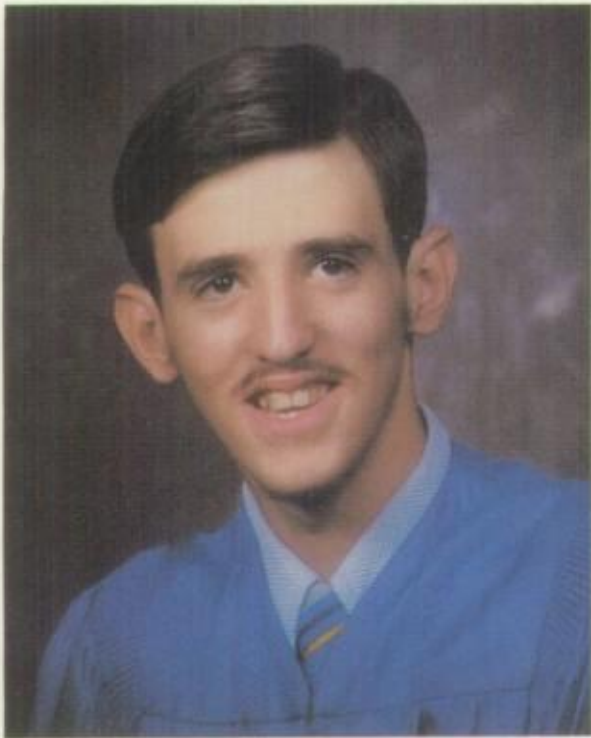
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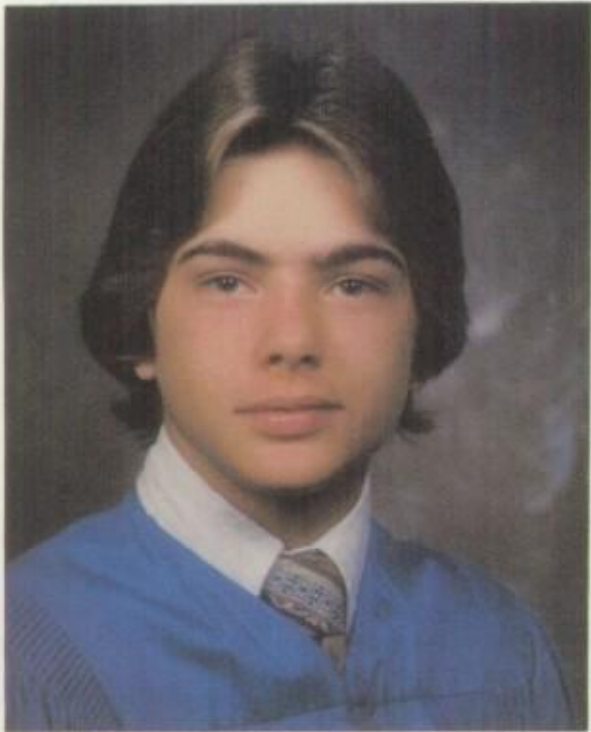
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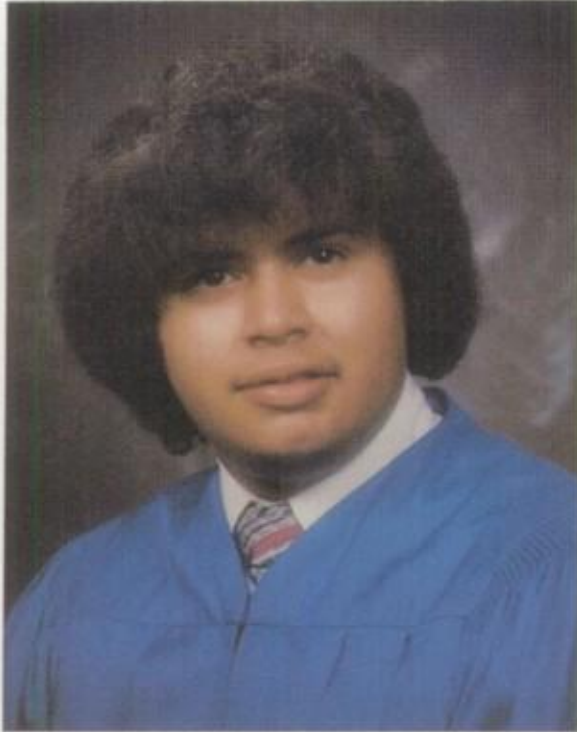
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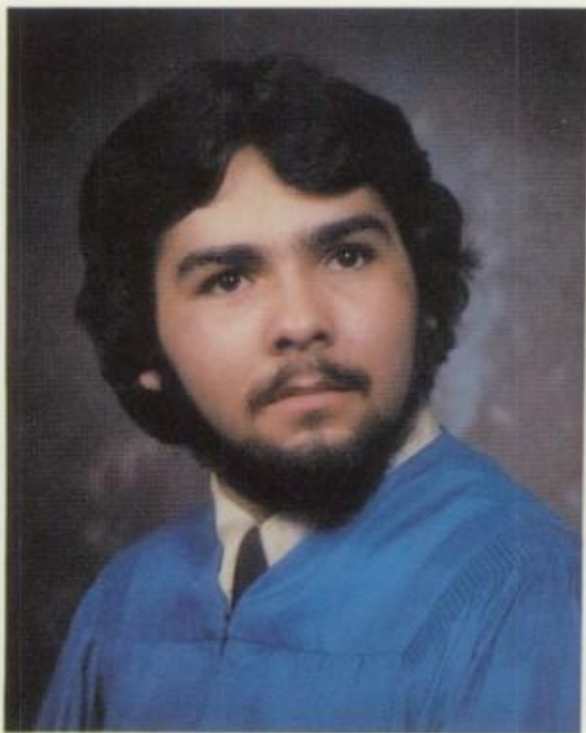
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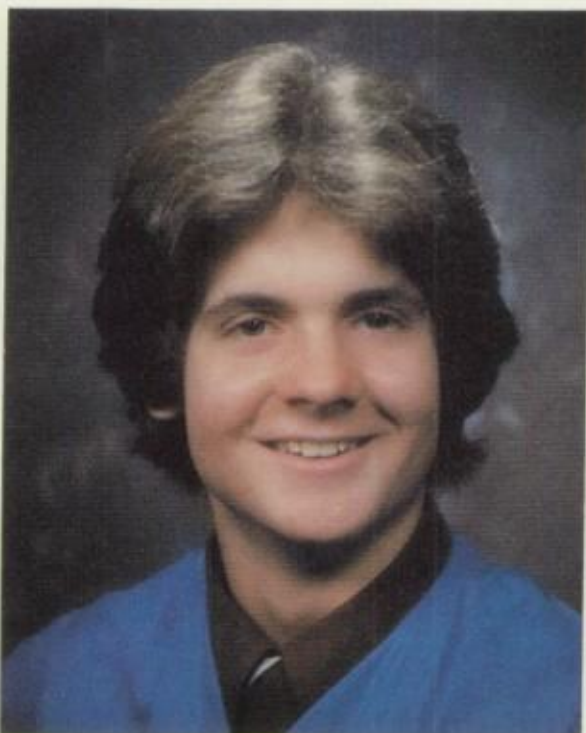
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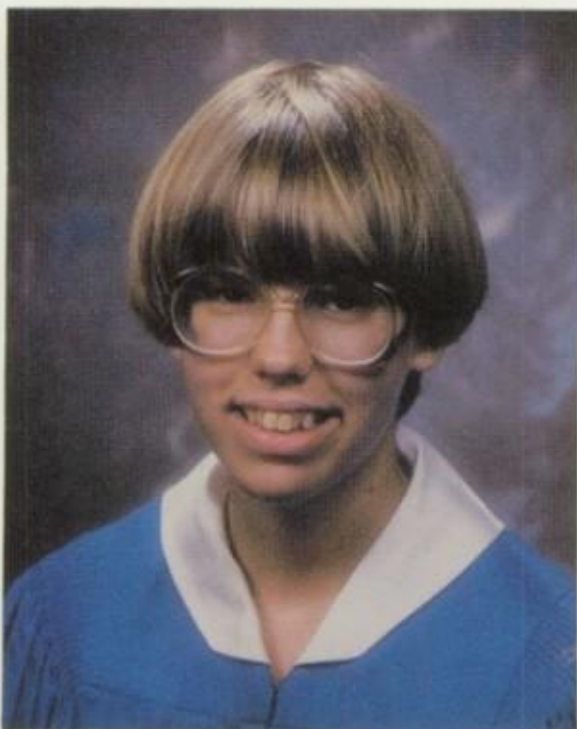
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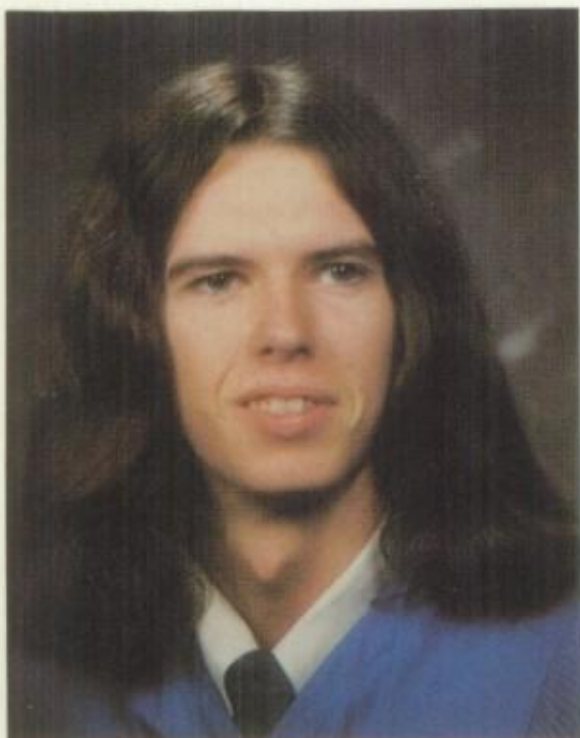
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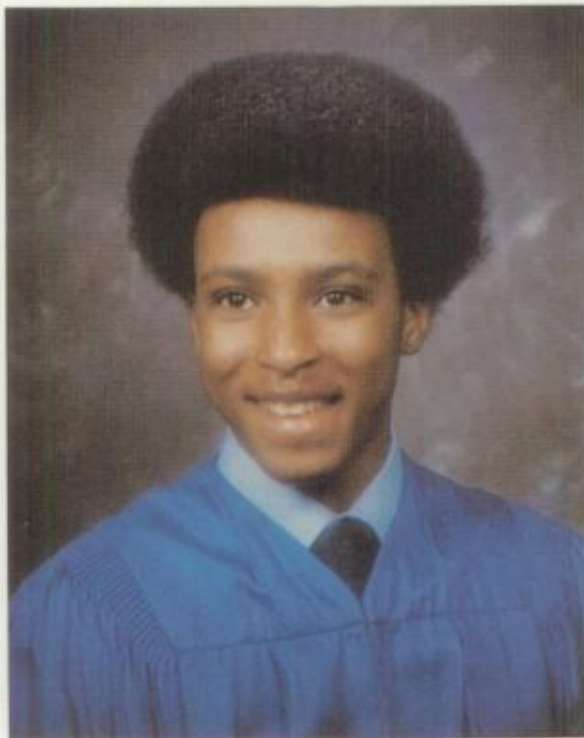
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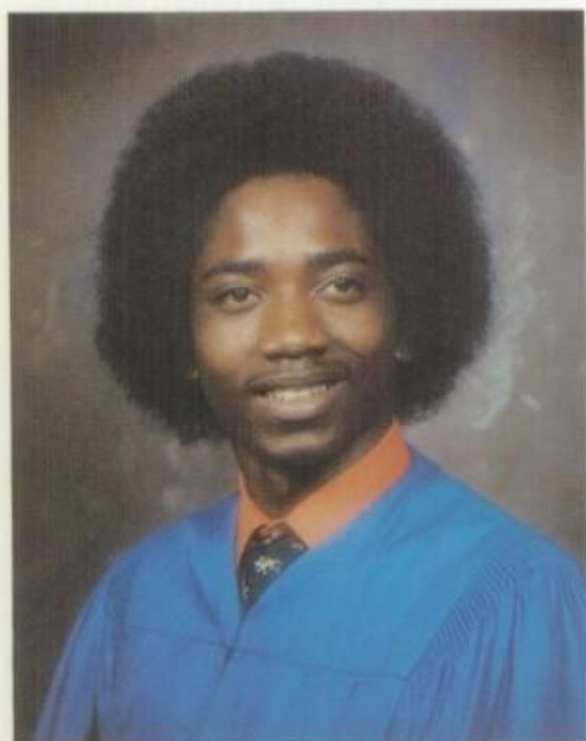
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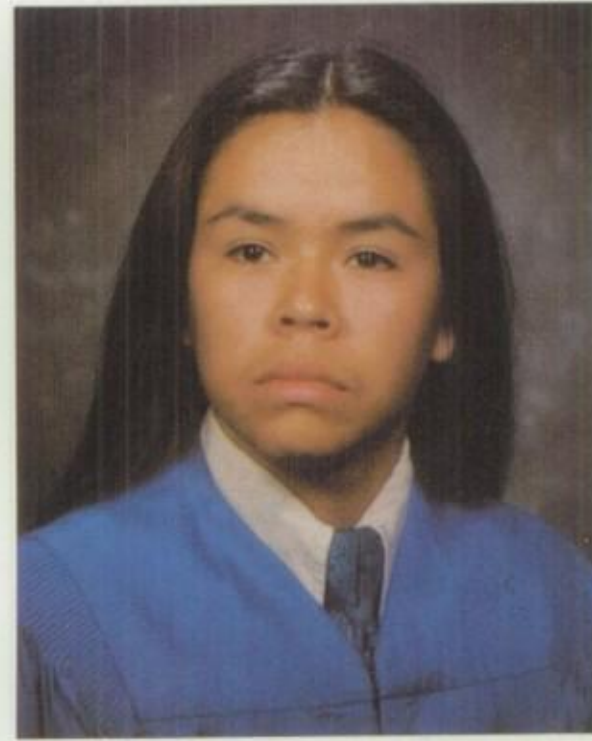
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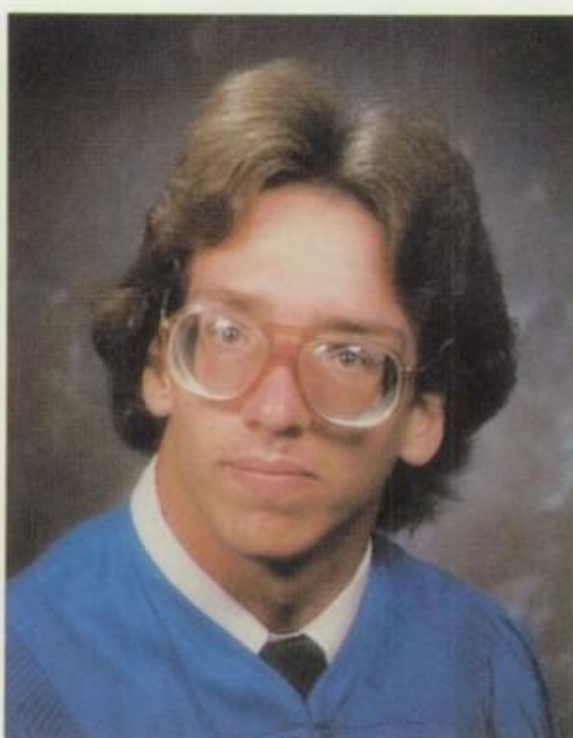
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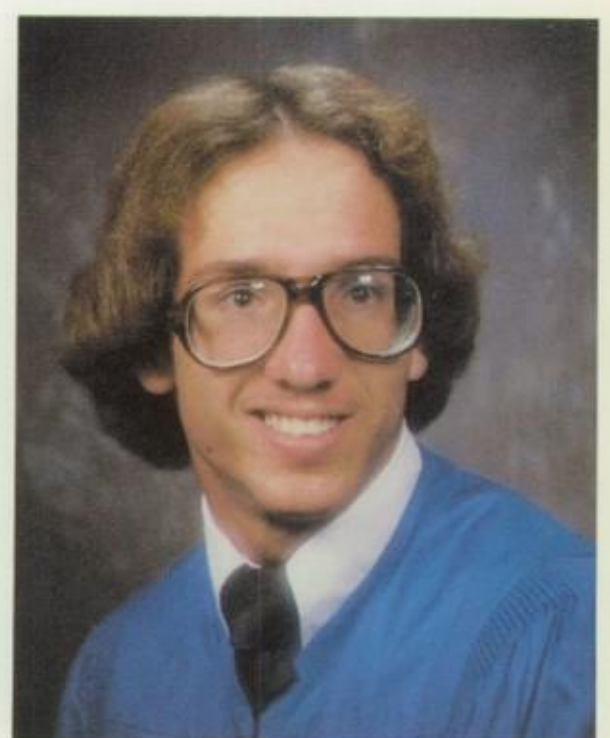
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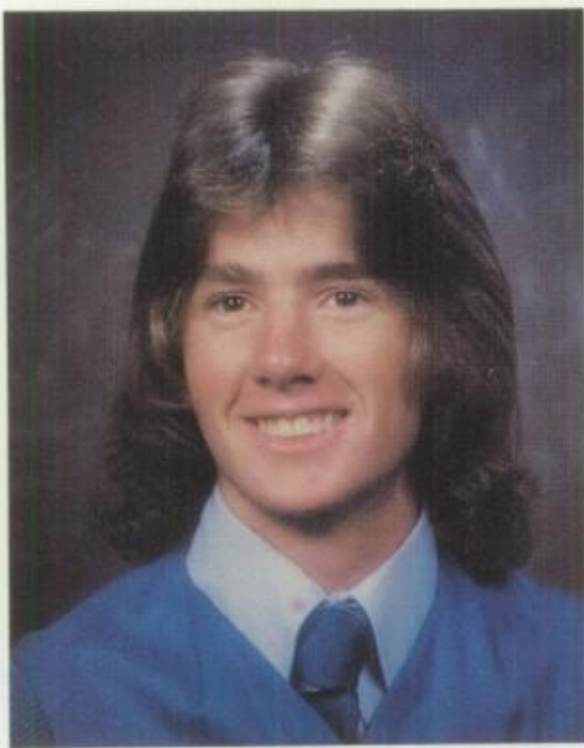
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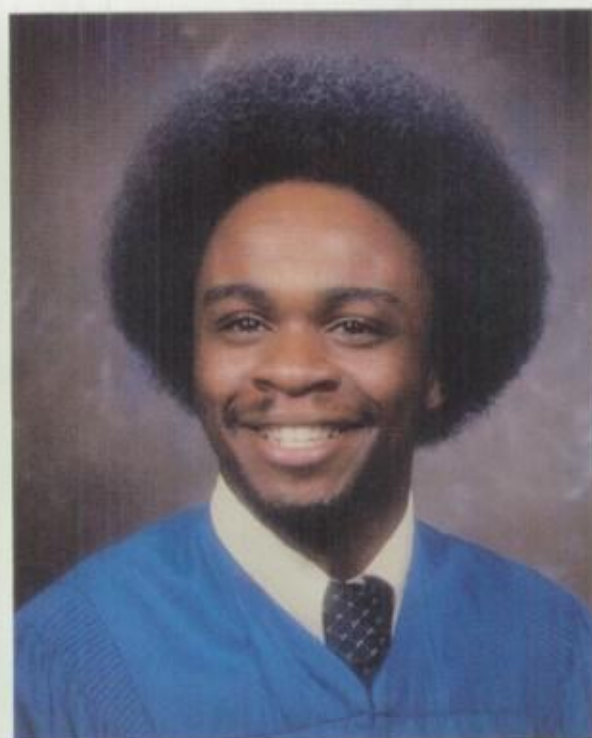
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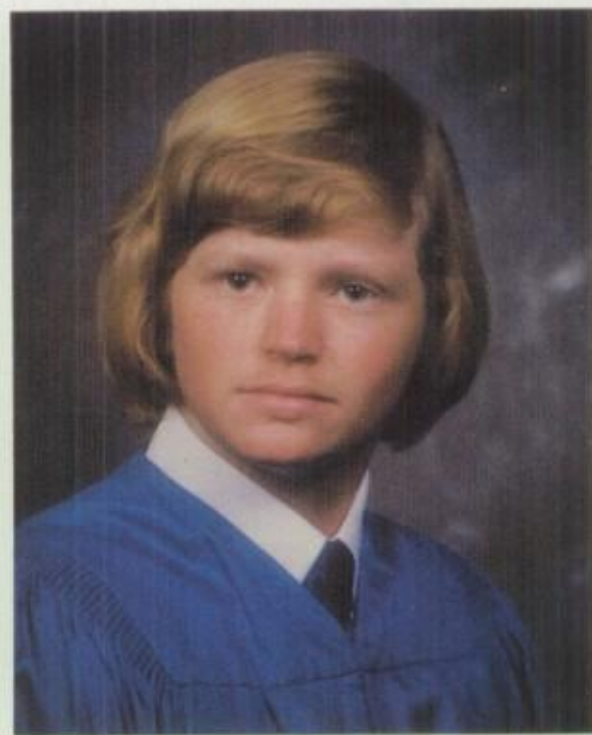
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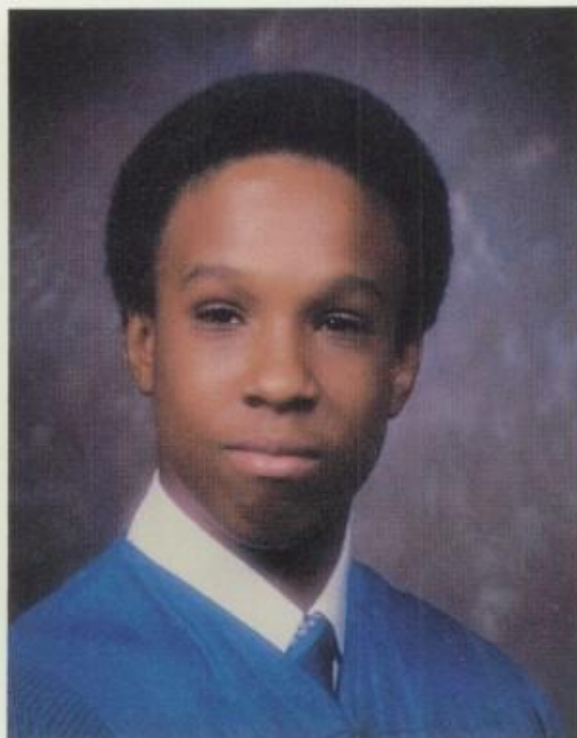
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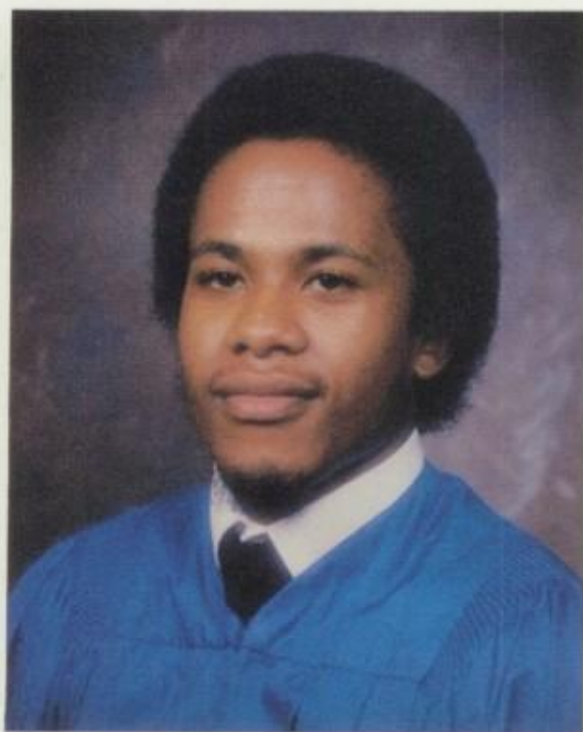
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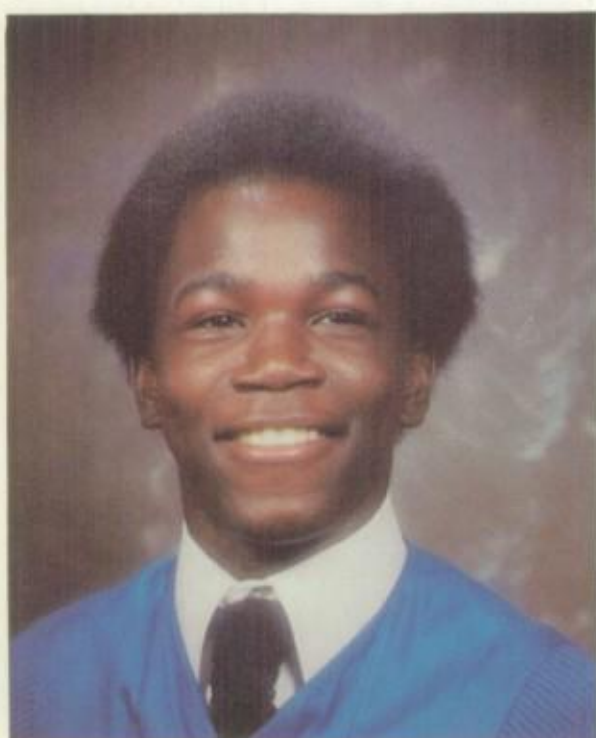
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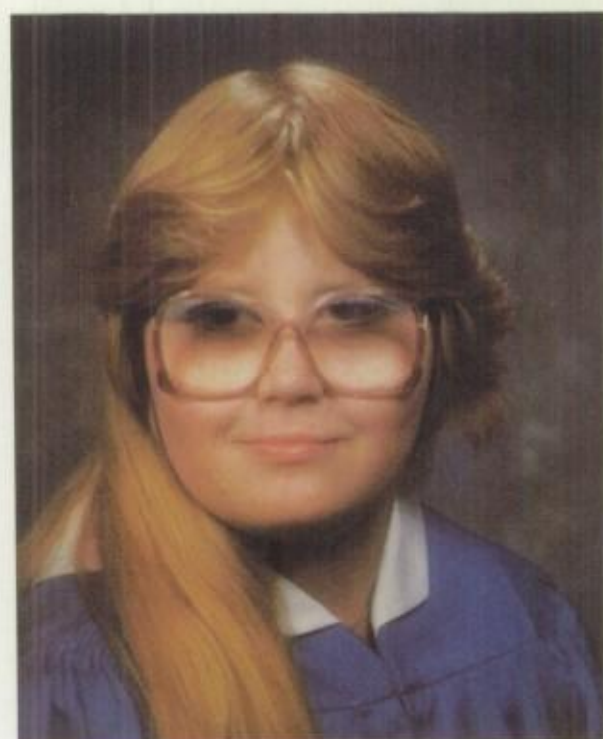


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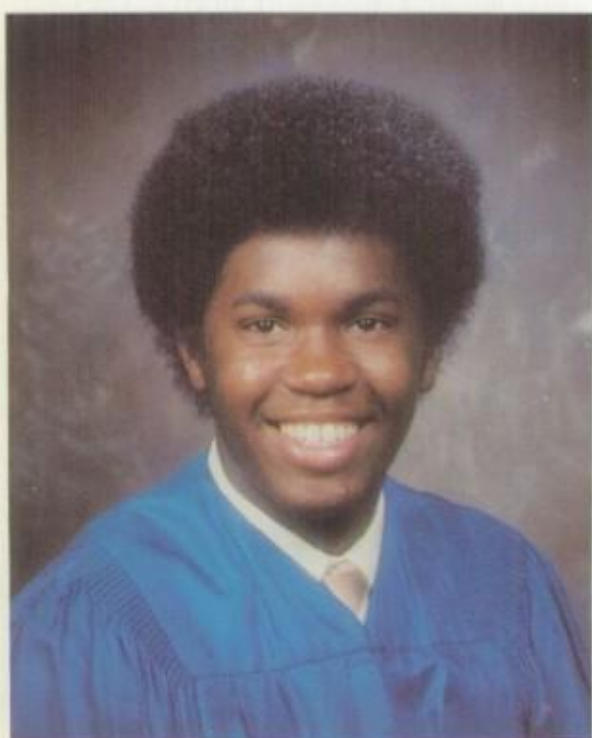


John Sheets

Senior Power!



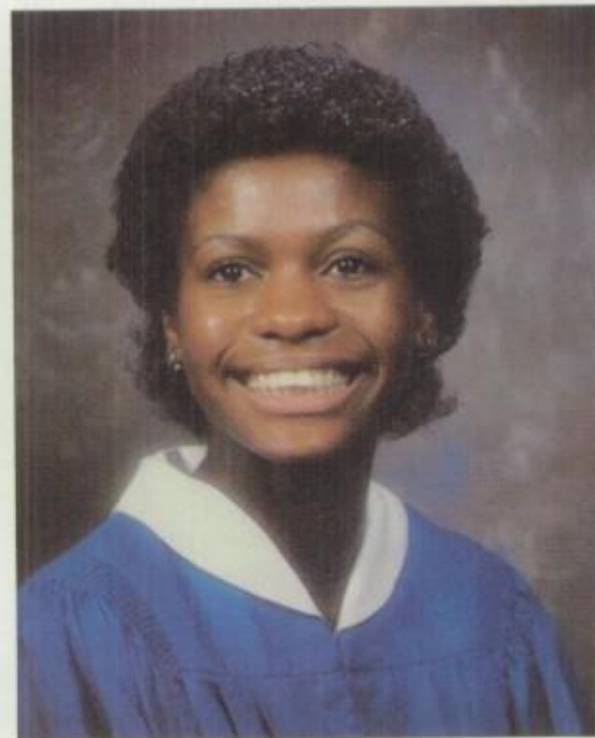
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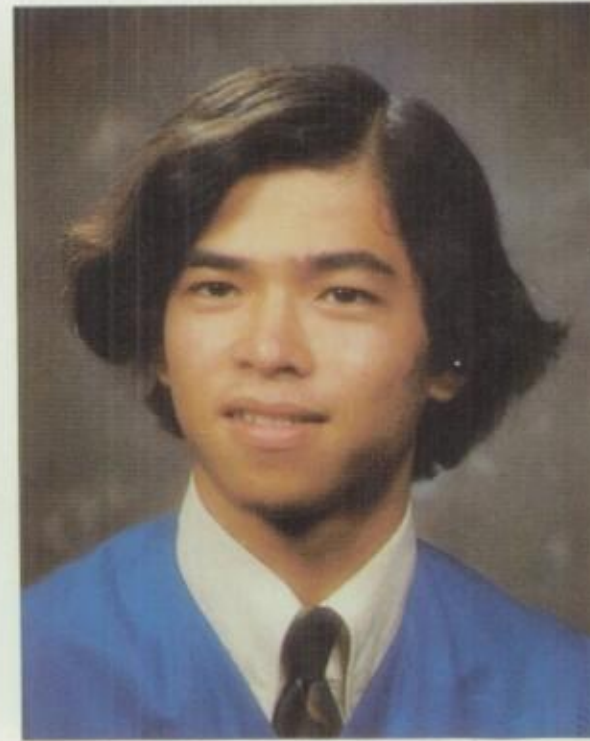
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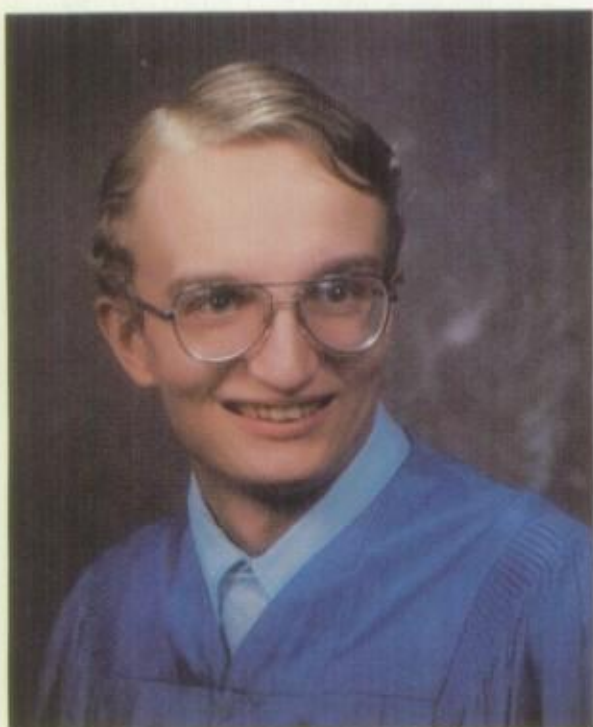
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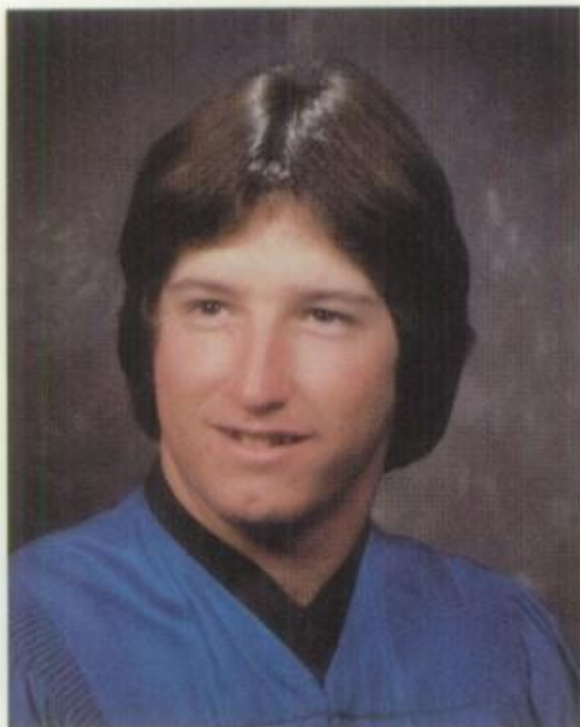
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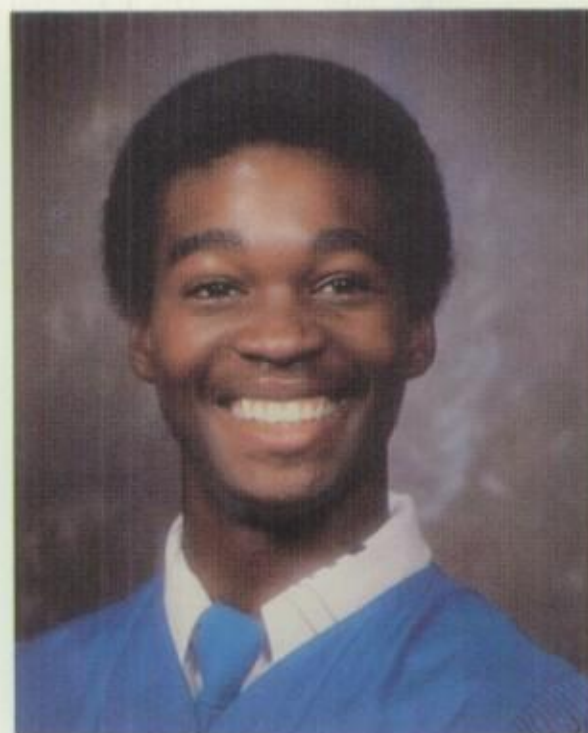
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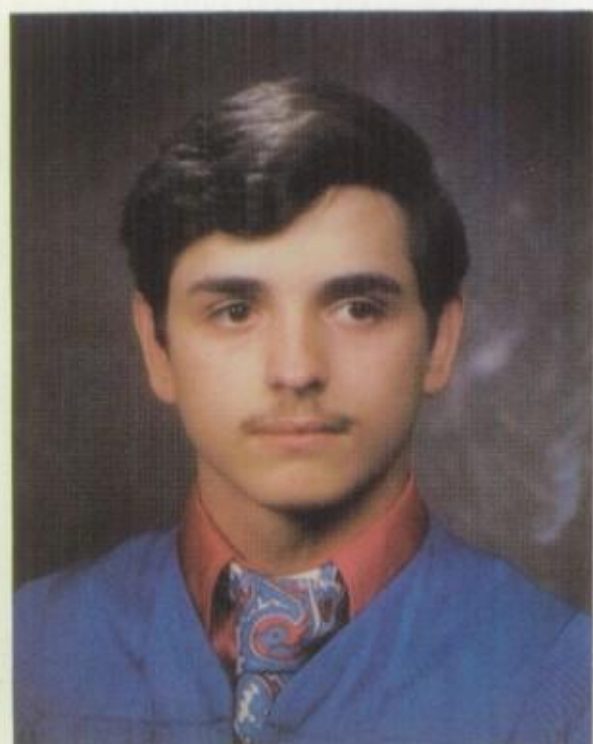
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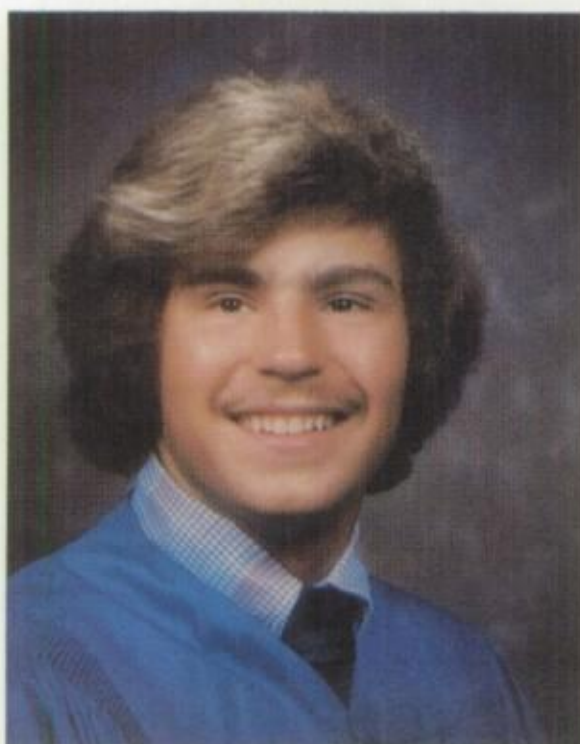
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Tim Williams



Al Winn



Doug Winters



Lee Ann Wood



Zina Woolbright



Laura Worthen



Jacqueline Wright

OUR 1981 YEAR

Juniors



Junior Class Officers: Left to Right Christine Blakely, Treasurer; Lisa Washington, Vice-President; Kim Bridges, President; Sherry Hinton, Secretary.

Involvement!

Junior Class activities seldom change from year to year. They are charged with the responsibility of raising monies for the junior-senior prom and selecting a band. Other activities includes ordering class rings and taking Scholastic Aptitude/Scholarship Qualifying Test. This year was no different.

They were an enthusiastic group of young people who were willing to give academically and athletically. Some Juniors had high achievements scholastically, while others led varsity sports to winning seasons.

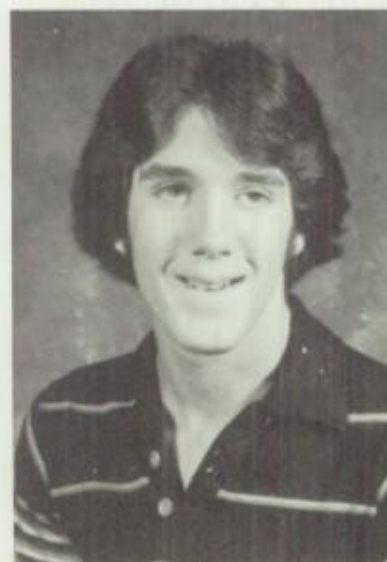
President Kim Bridges, class officers and members worked very hard to promote and enhance school spirit. They depicted all different personalities, life styles, and talents. It is no doubt that many will be very successful in their chosen fields.



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Doris Arterburn



David Beckett



Jimmy Bender



Christine Blakely



Linda Bland



Carla Boykin



Margaret Burgess



Kim Bridges



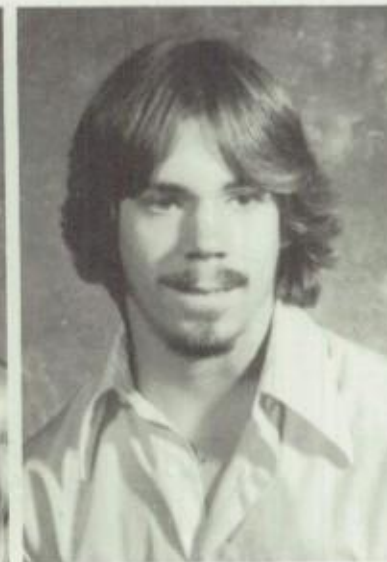
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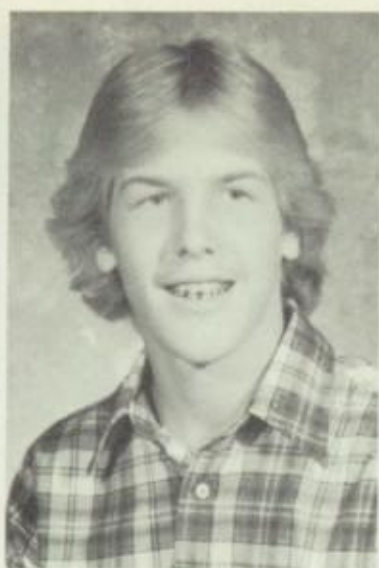
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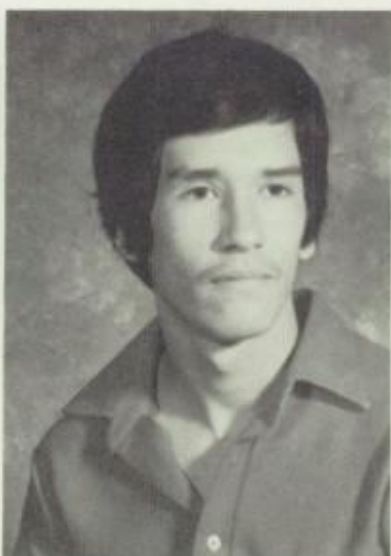
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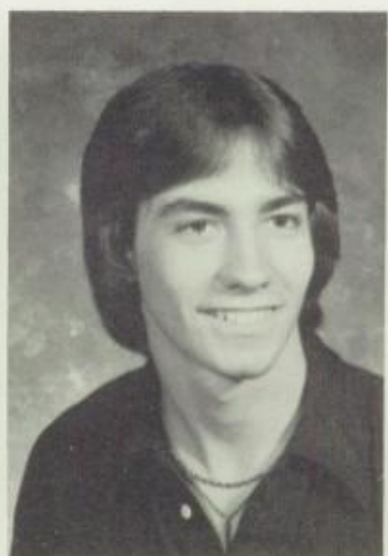
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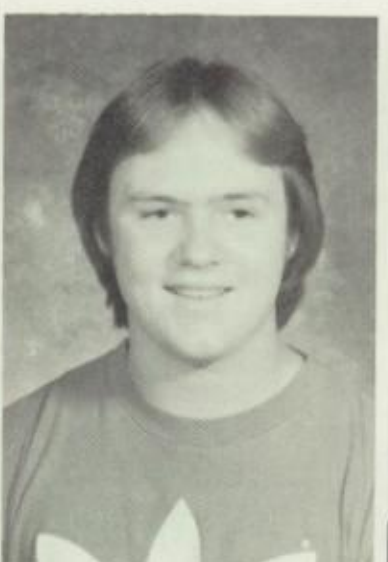
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Mike Hotz



Mareo Johnson



Shawn Jones



Evelyn Lyons



Petra Manzana



Angie Martin



Anita Martin



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Kelley McDonald



Lutricia McNeal



Sabrina Mikuenski



John Minden



William Moore



Debra Morton



William Murrow



Brenda Myers



Tan Van Nguyen



Thuy Nguyen



John Nichols



Angela Nimsey



Dabney Oliphant



Ila Overstreet



Neela Patel



Scott Payzant



Terry Permenter



Gary Reed



Terrance Richardson



Sondra Robbins



Rod Rogers



Sean Runnels



Wanda Rutherford



Sharon Sanders



Darrin Sapcut



Kari Shive



Terry Simpson



Candy Smith



Debora Smith



Marcus Stewart



Ranea Stubblefield



Bill Stueve



Gyndola Sweet



Cheryl Tappan



Darrell Thompson



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Kim Tuyet Tran



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James Tucker



Stephen Utterback



Florence Viney



Sa Thi Vu



Claudette Wallace



Lisa Washington



Jackie Wheeler



Nora Wheeler



Michael Wilson



Vicki Wise



Saykham Yannarath



Lillian Wilson



Christian Zanabria

OUR 1981 YEAR

SOPHOMORES

Sophomores moving on

The sophomore class improved a great deal this year. Life in a new school with new faces and friends was anything but dull last year, but as freshmen, participation in school activities was minimal. One year of highschool experience helped them come out of their shells and take on more responsibilities.

The second year in high school found them more involved in school activities. Displaying unlimited spirit and enthusiasm, they became more involved in clubs and organizations and played an important part in school functions.

A sophomore was selected to represent Classen High School as a Hugh O'Brien Ambassador; all four of the Junior Varsity Cheerleaders were sophomores; there was one starter and three other sophomores on the basketball team. Near the end of the football season, a sophomore was chosen to quarterback the team.

The Class of '83 added a new dimension to all aspects of school life, not only socially, but athletically and academically. The experiences of the past year will become lifetime memories.



Nikki Adams



Cathy Alexander



Top Right: Sophomore Class Officers- Left to Right Valsherri Hill, Secretary; Tressy Jones, Treasurer; Cathy Alexander, Vice-President; Ronna Pernell, President. **Above:** Sophomore section at a pep assembly.



Terry Banks



Denise Bedell



Diane Bedell



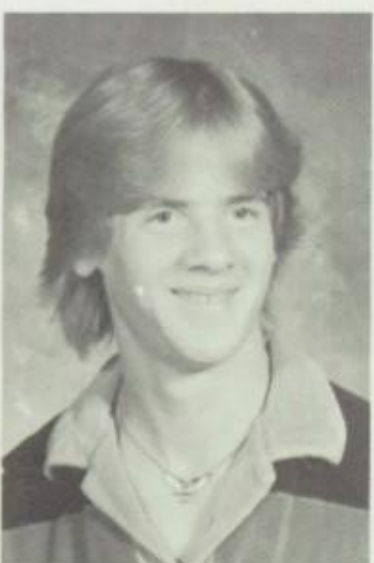
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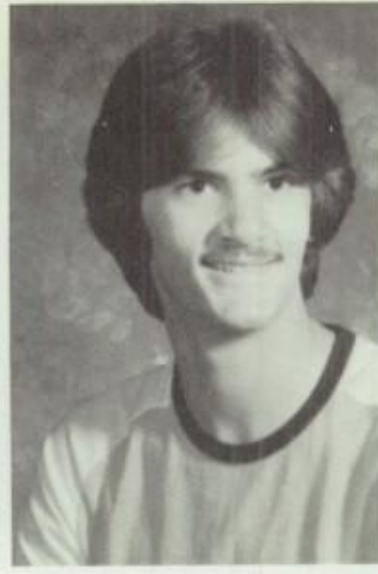
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Dee Drake



Janette Edwards



Rick Ehrheart



Lisa Farney



Darla Ferguson



Sideny Ferrell



Pat Frank



Aimee Fuller



Ricardo Guzman



Eddie Hamby



Chris Harris



Benny Herndon



Valsheir Hill



Scott Hughes

Keeping busy

The first fund raising project of the year for the sophomores was selling T-Shirts bearing the message, "We're the best can't you see, we're the class of '83. The class members wore the blue and gold colored T-Shirts with pride.

Later in the school year fund raisers included a movie, candy and bake sales. Everyone participated eagerly in the fund raising efforts.



Anita Hymel



Freddy Ingham



Roderick Island



Gloria Jackson



Pam Jensen



Jason Johnson



Sheila Johnson



Tressy Jones



Valerie Knight



Karen Locke



Linda Lopez



John Lyon



Marion McCreary



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Phan Hue Ngoc



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Jessie Ortiz



Eric Parker



Sherri Parnell



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Donna Pernell



Ronna Pernell



Hieu Pham



Connie Pickett



Marquetta Pierson



Billy Ralls



Renee Richardson



Connie Rodman



Vernona Russell



Timothy Sale



Laura Sanchez



Bayson Seadora



Charles Sealy



Rodney Simpson



Diana Smith



Bella Sterling



Sandy Sturgeon



William Swauger



Kim Thuy Tran



Kim Anh Tran



Mani Vanh



Ken Vawter



Erma Villarreal



Jamie Walfe



David Walkup



Anthony Wallace



Tammy Whaley



Sandra Whitfield



Terry Wilson



Ricky Yocum

QUIR 1981 YEAR

Freshmen

Growing up

The 1980-81 Freshmen Class was an energetic and interesting group. The class officers were Malissa Bevins, President; Jimmy Clahoun, Vice President; Michelle McDonald, Secretary-Treasurer.

Their first fund raiser was a successful bake sale. They worked with the band this year in giving a Sweetheart Ball in February which proved to be a tremendous success. They also had a successful candy sale campaign in March.

By the time the freshmen become juniors, they plan to have raised \$4,000 to defray expenses for a banquet and the junior-senior prom.

Freshmen Class Officers: **Left to Right:** Michelle McDonald, Secretary-Treasurer; Jimmy Calhoun, Vice-President; Malissa Bevins, President



Christine Aukena



Manuel Avila



Dorothy Baker



Kristel Barth



Maryanne Barton



Bobby Bentley



Roberta Berry



Michael Bethany



Wanda Bighorse



Undra Bills



Malissa Bivins



Theodore Blackwell



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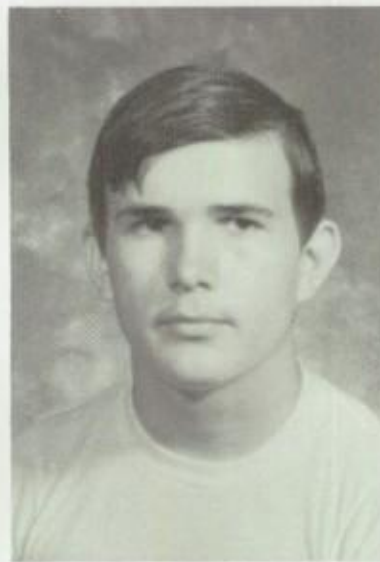
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Donna Crone



Sammy Crone



Julie Curzio



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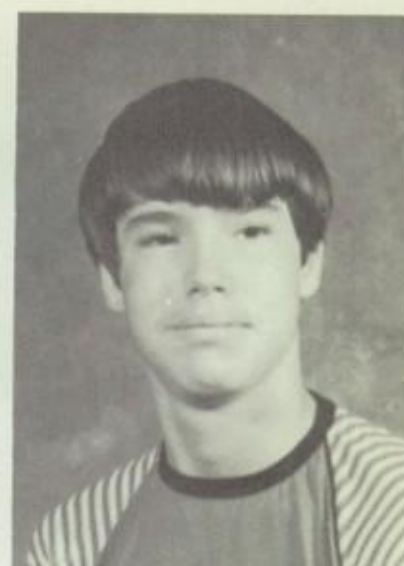


Nichole DuPree

Freshmen Power!



James Engst



Terry Estep



Melinda Estrada



Jimmy Ezell



Brenda Fort



Patti Fuller



Elen Garcia



Grace Garcia



Lida Gendein



Stephanie Goode



Colleen Goodman



David Gort



Vicky Graham



Michael Gray



Dena Griffith



Michelle Grose



LaDonna Hardimon



Latonya Harris



Dexter Hawthorne



Andre Hayes



Sharon Hendrix



Mike Henzel



Yvonne Hubert



Mia Hudson



Sam Johnson



Cathy Jones



Lao Kong



Lisa Knox



Lawrence Kirkendall



Carmen Lawrence



Barbara Leflore



John Liljestrand



Floyd Martin



Carlos McCauley



Johnny McCutcheon



Karen McCoy



Lisa McCoy



Pebbles McDonald



Cassandra McGuire



Patricia McGuire



Charles McLean



Warren Medrano



Lisa Miller



Paul Miller



Tammy Miller



Cecelia Mitchell



Phil Mitchell



Belva Moore



Chrystal Moore



Thomas Moore



Terri Morgan



Linh Nguyen



Thuy Nguyen



Vu Nhieu



John Noblitt



Bob O'Neal



Michael Pannell



James Parrish



David Partin



Patrick Partin



Jack Patton



Virginia Payzant



Jay Permenter



Robert Phy



Rhonda Pierce



Angela Pittman



Mary Price



Tony Rios



Nora Rivas



Lisa Rusgrove



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Comets doing their thing

Mrs. Wanda Johnson, counselor, assisting a student with enrollment.



Mr. Chesley Eason catching up on paperwork.

Mrs. Rachelle Stephens, the principal's secretary, takes a few moments from her busy schedule to pamper her pet.





Left: An electronics student trying to figure it all out. **Left (center):** Chris Mayberry checking yearbook sales records. **Right (center):** Woodwork students pair up on a project. **Left (below):** Ms. Paula Lemaster's CVET class enjoying serving the faculty at a Valentine Team for which they were responsible.



OUR 1981 YEAR

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Honors

and

Awards

Happiness is . . .

We found happiness in our classroom activities and in our extracurricular activities which covers everything from Honor Society to electing royalty . . . another year of football, wrestling, track, or basketball, etc. (you name it) . . . actually, for some of the students, possibly a large number, these activities were their sole reasons for coming to school. Without them they would either perish from boredom, make better grades or drop out of school. Despite the reasons and in some cases because of them, almost all of these activities, even the most ridiculous of them, are a necessary and vital part of the school.

Wherever we go from here there will also be happiness. We will develop the joy we experienced in our high school days and use it to further enrich our lives.

Being a Classen Comet!

Miss Comet

The coronation of Miss Comet was a first at Classen this year. This title is similar to that of All-Sports Queen awarded during the football season. Selection was made by popular vote and the winner receives flowers, a plaque, and prominent recognition in the yearbook. This event was sponsored by the Student Council.

The 1980-81 Miss Comet is Lisa Davis. Runner-ups were first, Twyla Gates; second, Lorraine Lovelace; third, Coletta Watts; fourth, Mischelle McDonald, fifth, Renee Chisholm.

Lisa is a model student. She is a member of the Girls' O' and Pep Clubs and is an active Student Council member.





Above: Miss Comet candidates - Twyla Gates, Renee Chisholm, Lorraine Lovelace, Coletta Watts, Lisa Davis and Mischelle McDonald. **Left:** Miss Comet, Lisa Davis and Scott Payzant. **Opposite page:** Lisa Davis and escort, Scott Payzant.

Mr. and Miss Classen

Nominated by Classen High School clubs and organizations and chosen by the student body were Mr. and Miss Classen. Candidates for the titles were seniors. All contestants must have an overall grade point average of 2.50. Several clubs participated in sponsoring a candidate.

After the first balloting, five finalists for Miss Classen and five finalist for Mr. Classen were chosen. From these top ten candidates, final voting was made by Classen students. Richard English

and Kim Russell emerged victorious for the Mr. and Mrs. Classen titles. They were crowned at the yearbook assembly in May and presented with plaques by the yearbook co-editors, Victor Hopkins and Sheila Gutierrez.

Runners-up in the contest for Miss Classen were Zina Woolbright, Paula Mitchell, Carol Weatherall and Lee Ann Wood. Runners-up for Mr. Classen were Kerry Mucker, Mickey Medcalf, Jesse Robbins and Steffon Birts.

Richard English and Kim Russell





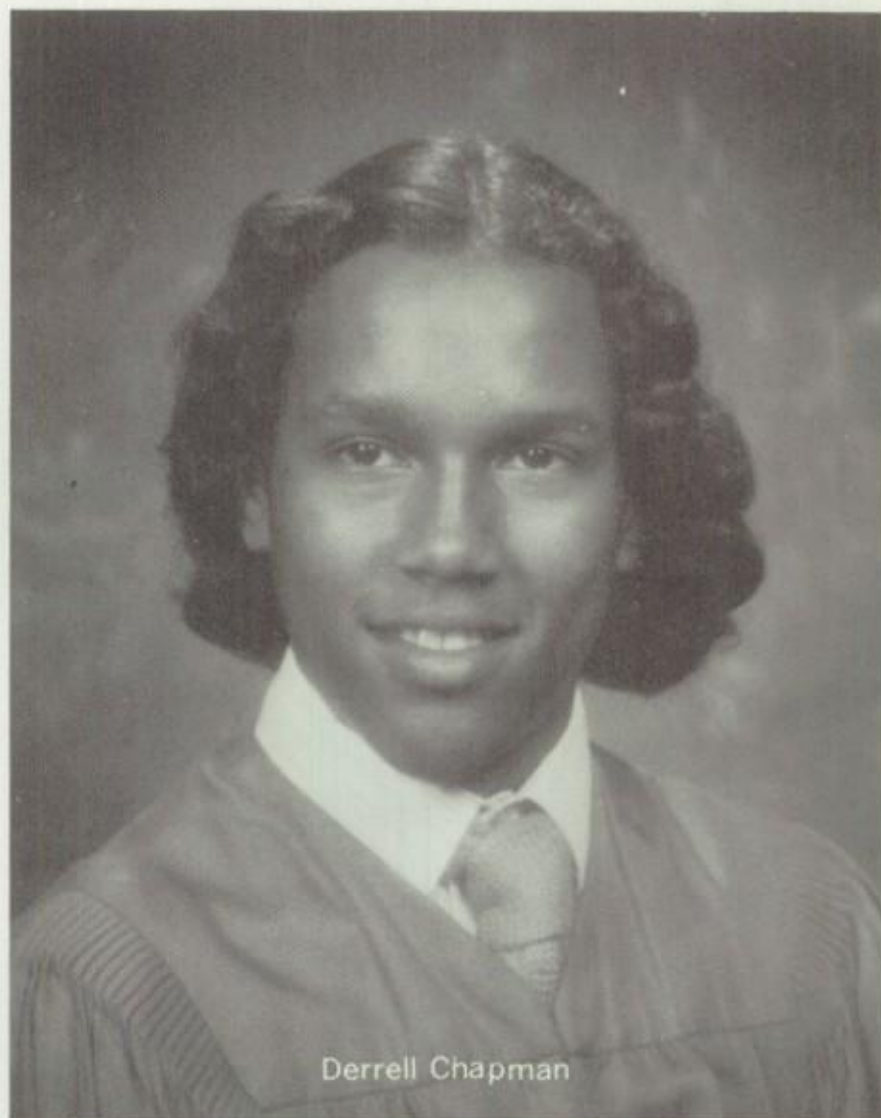
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- 1 Zina Woolbright and Kerry Mucker
- 2 Paula Mitchell and Mickey Medcalf
- 3 Lee Ann Wood and Richard English
- 4 Kim Russell and Jesse Robbins
- 5 Carol Weatherall and Steffon Birts

The Anton H. Classen Medal of Honor

Derrell Chapman has been awarded the Classen Medal of Honor on the basis of scholarship, strength of character, and qualities of leadership and citizenship.

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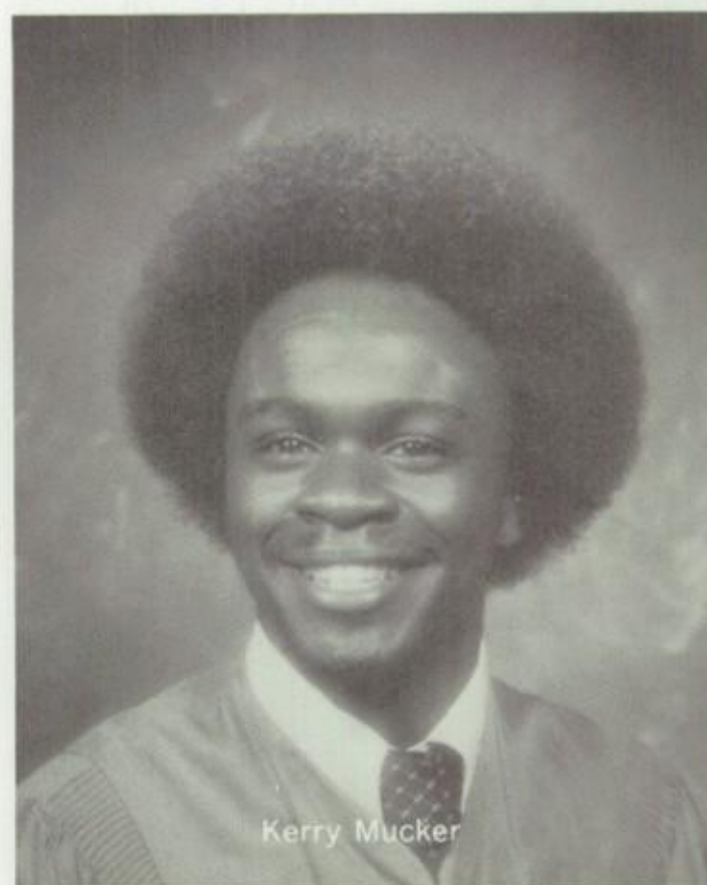
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Two senior boys ranking highest in scholarship, citizenship, character, and leadership receive the Anton H. Classen Awards. These are given in memory of Mr. Classen. This year's recipients are Michael Ivins and Kerry Mucker.

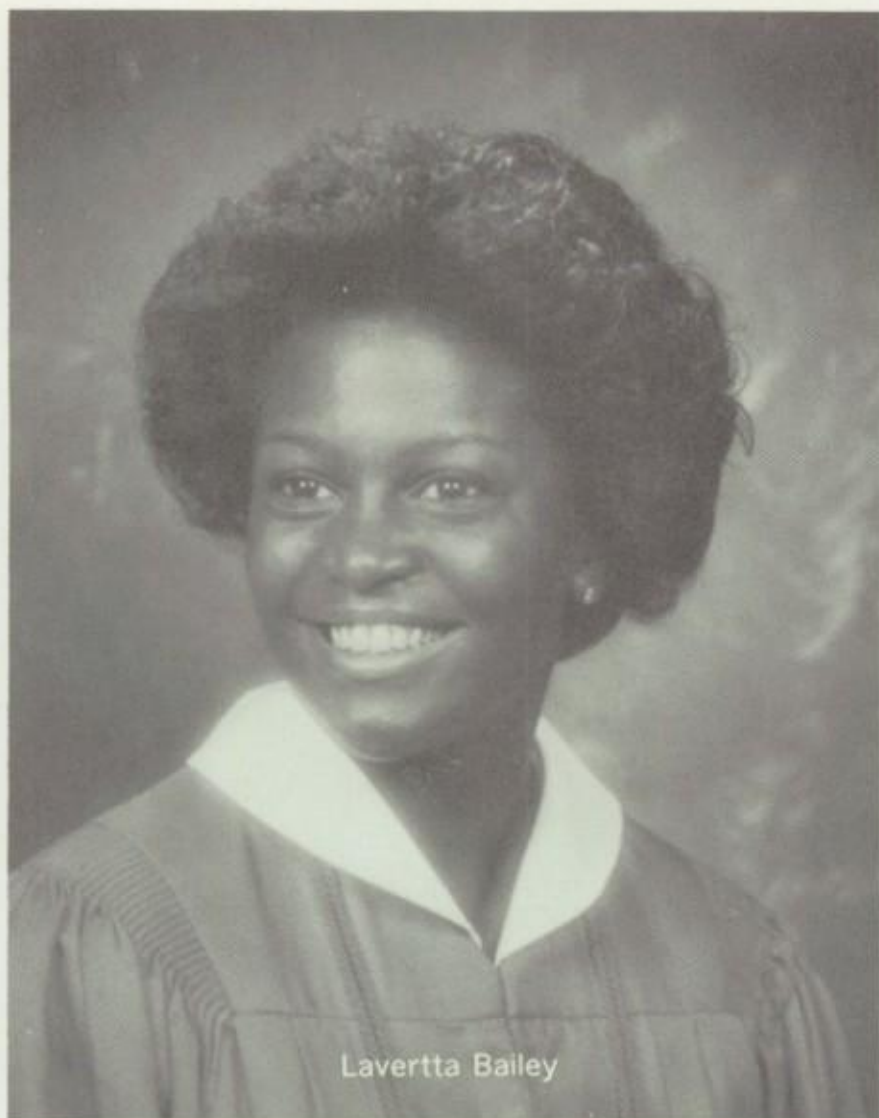


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The Anton H. Classen Medal of Honor



Lavertta Bailey

Lavertta Bailey has been awarded the Classen Medal of Honor on the basis of scholarship, strength of character, and qualities of leadership and citizenship.

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The Ella D. Classen Awards

The Ella D. Classen Awards are given to honor the memory of Mrs. Classen. The two senior girls ranking highest in scholarship, citizenship, character, and leadership for the 1980-81 school year are Teresa Trail and Lee Ann Wood.



Teresa Trail



Lee Ann Wood

Senior Wills

I, Paula Mitchell, do hereby bequeath to my little brother Phil, the ability to do what he wants and not get into trouble.

Lea Ann Painter, do hereby bequeath to Kenny Vawter all my ribbons to wear in all the slave sales to come, and to ditch and not get caught by the authorities.

I, Mickey Medcalf, do hereby bequeath my ability to scoop up the baseball at 1st base to the baseball team.

I, Stephanie Moore, bequeath to Gigi, Michelle, Thea and Paula, my ability to withstand all four years at Classen throughout hard teachers, hall sweeps and thoughtless gossip (and Red Cross retreats).

I, Renoda Barnett, do hereby bequeath to Randy Pickett my ability to go to class and be on time, and to my friends Christine Blakely and Twyla Gates all the fun that they can have during their senior year because there is nothing else.

I, Rosilyn "Chris" Mayberry, do hereby bequeath my natural high to Claudette Wallace and Detra Morton so they can hold their heads up to those who are not.

I, Jesse Robbins, do hereby bequeath to my little sister Sondra the ability to get her act together and be the outstanding student I was in order that she may have my stereo.

I, Sheila Gutierrez, do hereby bequeath to Gigi Payzant my great ability to always be happy and to Darrell Lanza the ability to make new friends to go to lunch with ... and many thanks to Mr. Don Fleet and Mrs. Sarah McKinney.

I, Victor Hopkins, do hereby bequeath to Sherry Guillory and my brother Dexter my best years ever at Classen, and my best wishes. To Mr. Koeler Johnson and Mrs. Sarah McKinney, my best wishes always.

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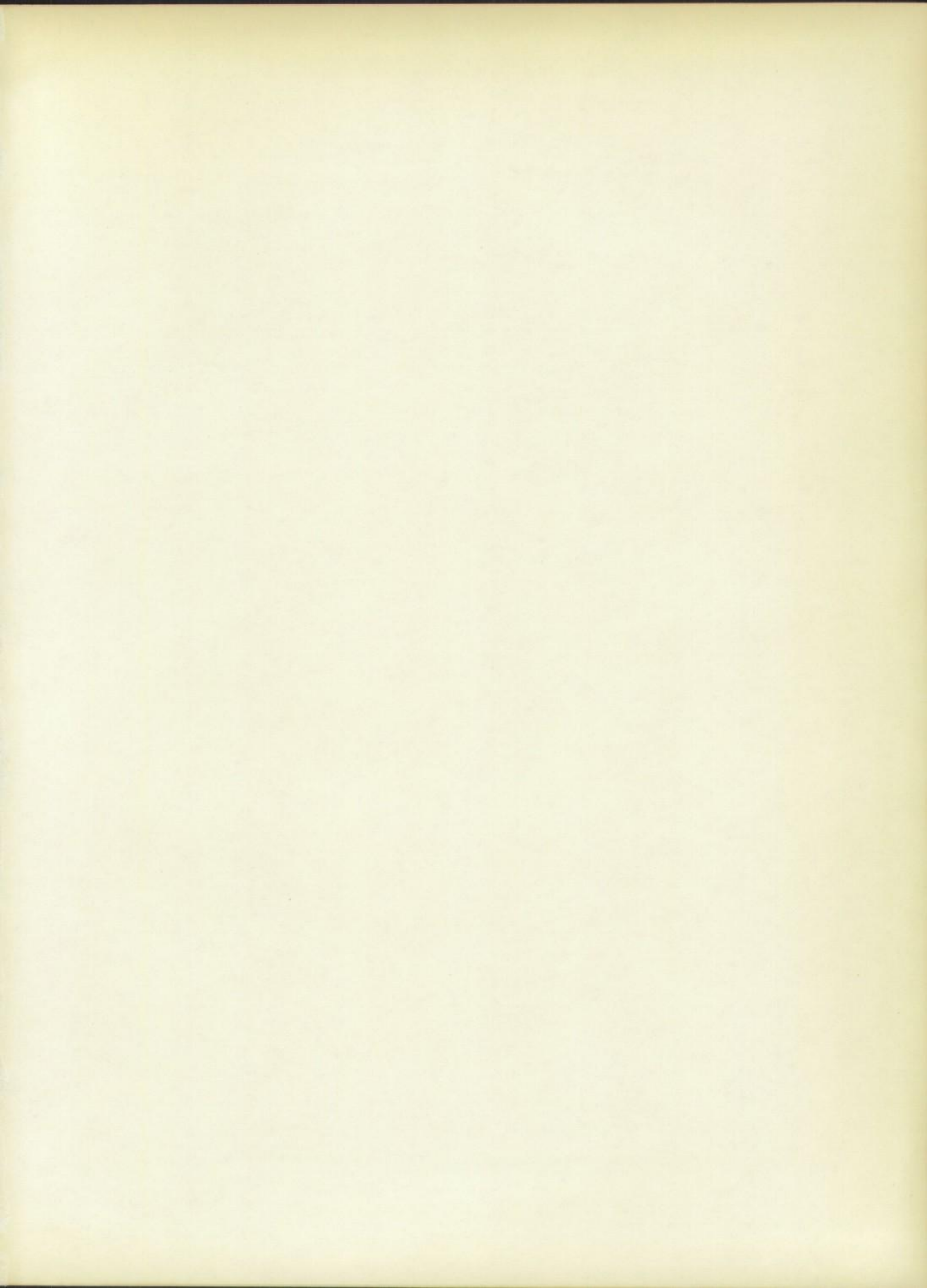
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